

T-130: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party matters. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-138: This witness is the military records of the District Intelligence Officer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This witness is referred to on the following page: 130.

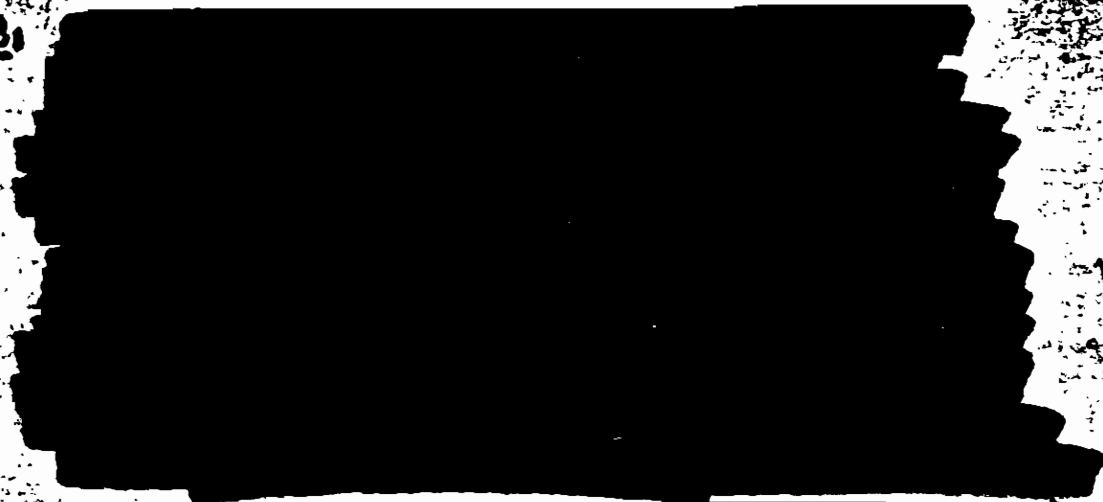
T-143: (Also identical with T-311). This witness is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has had previous testifying experience as a government witness. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-146: This witness is the records of the Western Union, Miami, Florida, which, if still available, can be obtained through issuance of a subpoena duces tecum to an appropriate official. This witness is referred to on the following page: 133.

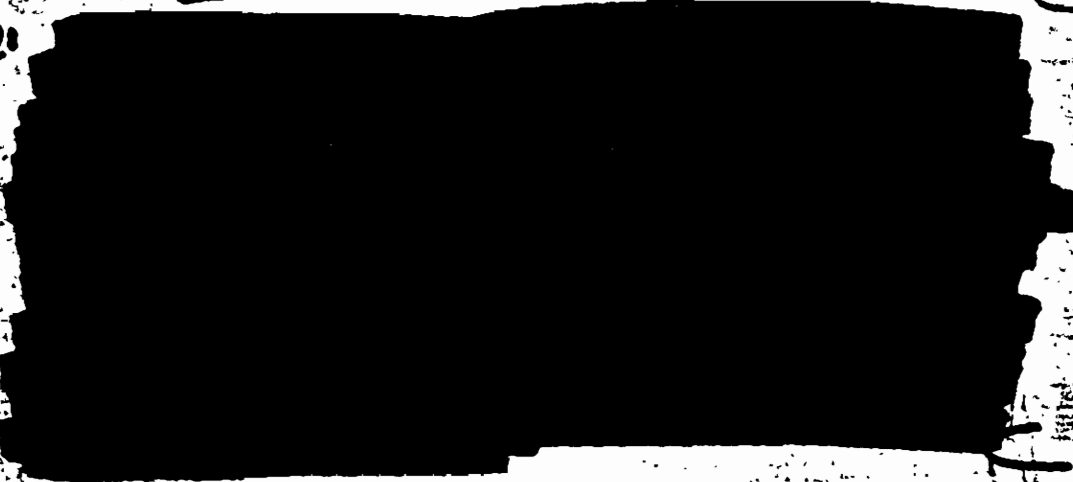
T-156: [REDACTED] b1

X-158:




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X-159:



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X-161:

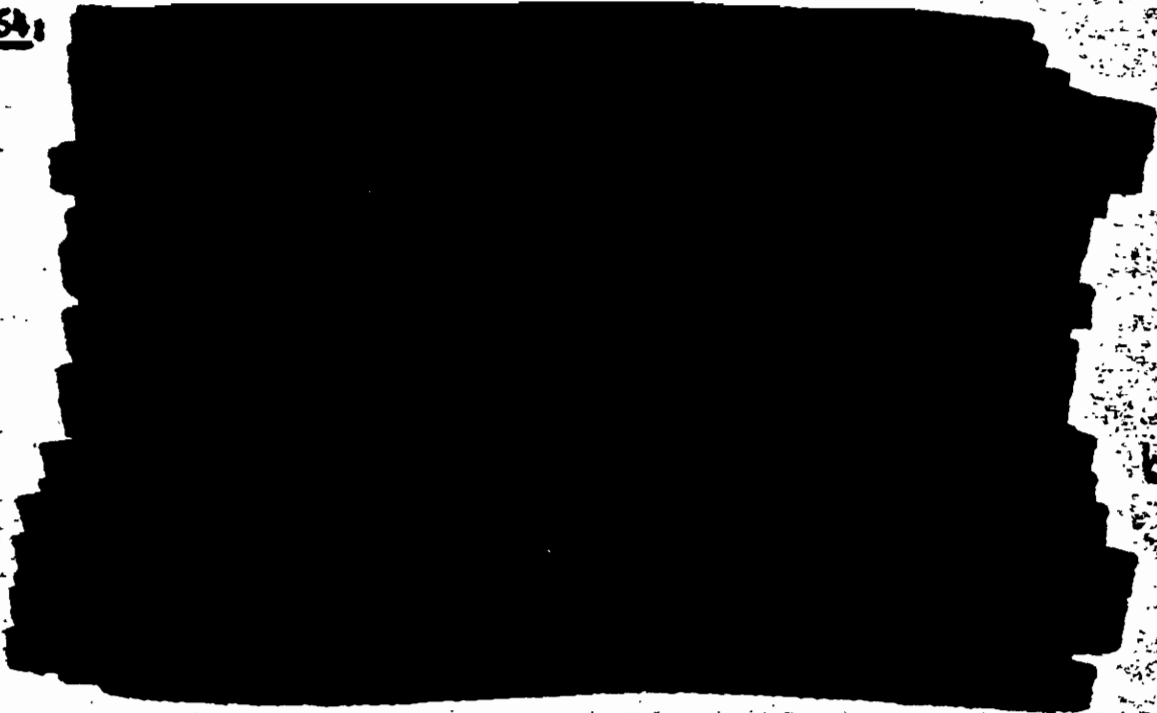
This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: 

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X-162: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on page [REDACTED] b7d

X-163: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

X-164:



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T-165: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-166: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-167: (Identical with T-1).

T-169:

[REDACTED]

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T-170:

[REDACTED]

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X-171: This witness is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has had no
previous testifying experience.
[REDACTED] has indicated a
willingness to testify. This witness is referred
to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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X-172:

[REDACTED]

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X-173:

[REDACTED]

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T-174: This witness is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has never previously testified. This witness voluntarily has furnished information to the Bureau in confidence and has stated that [REDACTED] is unwilling to testify. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-175: This witness is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has had no previous testifying experience, and is unwilling to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-176: This witness is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has stated that [REDACTED] is willing to testify to all information furnished by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-179: This witness is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and has never previously been a witness nor a paid informant, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has expressed a desire to cooperate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the fullest extent, and stated if needed [REDACTED] would consider appearing as a witness. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-180: This witness is a former informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation [redacted]. It is not known whether or not this witness would be willing to testify at this time, [redacted]. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted].

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T-181: This witness is [redacted]. [redacted] has not previously testified, and has stated that [redacted] is unwilling to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted].

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T-183: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party matters. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted].

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T-184: This witness is [redacted]. [redacted] has had no previous testifying experience, but has indicated a willingness to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted].

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T-185: (Also identical with T-43). This witness is currently a member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted].

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T-186: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party matters. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-187: [REDACTED] b1

T-189: (Also identical with T-15 and T-308).

T-191: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-192: [REDACTED] b1

X-192: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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X-196: This witness is [REDACTED] has furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation information in confidence concerning Communist Party front organizations [REDACTED]

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His willingness to testify at this time is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

X-197: [REDACTED]

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X-198: This witness is a bank official and he or a designated official will produce records and testify to the contents thereof upon proper issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This witness is referred to on the following pages: 185 and 186.

F-199: This witness is a private individual, who in confidence made available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation printed material received by [redacted]. In 1953 [redacted] stated a willingness to testify, if [redacted] testimony be necessary. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7d

F-200: This witness is the Security Unit, Illinois Police Department, an agency which collects security information in the Chicago area, whose representatives are unwilling to testify due to the nature of their work. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

F-201: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front group activities. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

F-202: This witness is an official of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and he or a designated official will produce records and testify to the contents thereof upon proper issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This witness is referred to on the following page: 100.

F-203: This witness is [redacted] and furnished information in confidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The willingness of this individual to testify at this time is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7d

T-205: This witness is an official of the J.C. Wilkinson and Company, Real Estate Company, and is willing to testify and make available rental records of this company upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This witness is referred to on the following page: 191.

T-206: This witness is [redacted] who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in confidence, but who in 1953 indicated a willingness to testify in the event [redacted] testimony was needed. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

T-207: This witness is [redacted] and [redacted] who indicated a willingness to testify. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

T-209: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front group activities. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

T-210: This witness is [redacted] [redacted] willingness to testify are unknown. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [redacted] b7d

T-213: This witness is the Industrial Detail, Chicago, Illinois Police Department, whose members are not willing to testify due to the nature of their work. This witness is referred to on the following page: 195.

T-216: (Also identical with T-234). This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-217: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-218: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-219:

[REDACTED]

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T-220:

[REDACTED]

T-221: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-223: This witness is [REDACTED] whose identity and background have been previously furnished. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-225: This witness is a private individual who, in 1953, in confidence furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and who at that time indicated a willingness to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-227: This witness is an employee of the Index Department, Office Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, and he or a designated official will produce records and testify to the contents thereof upon proper issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

T-228: This witness is [REDACTED] who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in confidence. [REDACTED] willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-233: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-234: (Identical with T-216).

T-238: This witness is the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), 9th Naval District, Chicago, Illinois. This witness is referred to on the following page: 214.

T-244: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-247: This witness is [REDACTED] willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-250: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-251: This witness is the records of Headquarters Fifth Army, Office of G-2, 1660 East Hyde Park Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. This witness is referred to on the following page: 219.

T-252: This witness is a private individual residing in Chicago, Illinois, who furnished information to the Bureau in confidence. [REDACTED] willingness to testify is unknown. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-253: This witness is [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] whose
willingness to testify is not known. This witness
is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

T-254: This witness, [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] furnished
information to the Bureau in confidence. [REDACTED]
willingness to testify is not known. This witness
is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

T-255: This witness is a current member of the Communist b7d
Party who is furnishing information to the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred
to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

T-257: [REDACTED] b1

T-260: This witness is a Post Office official who is
not willing to testify. This witness is referred
to on the following pages: 163 and 171.

T-263: This witness is a current member of the Communist
Party who is furnishing information to the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred
to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-264: This witness is [REDACTED] whose identity and background has previously been furnished. [REDACTED] is willing to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-265: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-268:

[REDACTED]

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T-269: This witness is [REDACTED] whose identity and background was previously furnished. [REDACTED] is willing to testify. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-270: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

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T-274: This witness is a bank official in the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Maryland, and he or a designated official will produce records and testify to the contents thereof upon proper issuance of a subpoena duces tecum. This witness is referred to on the following page: 163.

T-275: This witness is a private individual who furnished information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in confidence. [redacted] willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7d

T-277: This witness is a private individual who made available a pamphlet to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1953. [redacted] willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7c

T-278: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7d

T-283: [redacted] b1

T-284: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [redacted] b7d

T-285: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-287: (Identical with T-3).

T-295: This witness is [REDACTED] whose willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

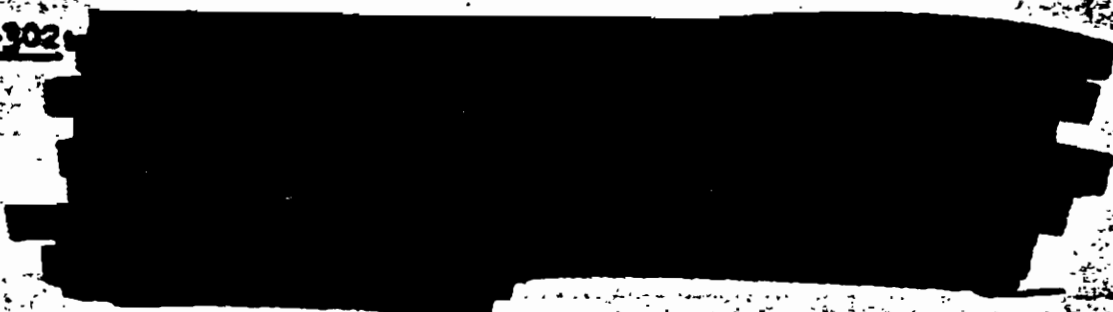
T-296: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party activities. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-298: This witness is an official in the Louisiana Department of Labor, New Orleans, Louisiana. He has some knowledge of Communist Party activities. His willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: 238.


T-300: This witness is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has stated that [REDACTED] does not desire to testify. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-301: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d


T-302:



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T-303: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: 

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T-307: This witness is an individual furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party activities. This witness is referred to on the following page: 


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T-308: (Identical with T-45 and T-189).

T-309:



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T-310: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following page: 

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T-311: (Also identical with T-143). This witness is [REDACTED] previously referred to. b7d

T-314: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-315: (Also identical with T-319). This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-317: This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party activities. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-318: This witness is an employee of another governmental investigative agency whose willingness to testify is not known.

T-319: (Identical with T-315).

T-324: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED] b7d

T-125: This witness is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

and unwilling to testify. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T-126:

[REDACTED]

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T-127:

[REDACTED]

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T-128: (Identical with T-3).

T-129: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED]

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T-330: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-331: This witness is [REDACTED] b7d
[REDACTED] does not desire to testify in any trial or hearing. This witness is referred to on the following page: [REDACTED]

T-332: This witness is a police official of the St. Louis Police Department. His willingness to testify is not known. This witness is referred to on the following page: 264.

T-333: This witness is a former informant of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who is deceased. This witness is referred to on the following page: 265.

T-334: This witness is a current member of the Communist Party who is furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This witness is referred to on the following pages: [REDACTED] b7d

T-335: [REDACTED] b1

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E-336:

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E-337:

[REDACTED]

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E-339:

This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front groups. This witness is referred to on the following pages:

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[REDACTED]

E-340:

This witness is an individual currently furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning Communist Party front group activities. This witness is referred to on the following pages:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

8/19/55

SAC, BALTIMORE (100-15241)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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(OO - New York)

Re: SA DONALD LEE MILLER, dated Baltimore, 1/26/55,
in the above-captioned case.

Since the submission of this report, there has been practically no activity on the part of the Baltimore Sobell Committee, Baltimore Confidential Informants pointing out that there had been only one meeting of the Baltimore Sobell Committee during 1955. This particular meeting was held at [redacted] in Baltimore on [redacted] the purpose being to hear Reverend FRANK E. WILLIAMS, Baltimore minister, speak on the Chicago testimonial dinner given in honor of Dr. HAROLD URKY in February, 1955. b7d

The late PAULINE BOYER was Secretary of the local organization. She died on July 17, 1955, following an extended illness. Baltimore informants have been unable to determine who, if anyone, has succeeded her as Secretary or whether the Committee will continue to function.

In view of the lack of activity on the part of this organization during 1955, there is no pertinent information to report at this time. The activities of this organization will be followed through informants and the next Baltimore report will be submitted during January, 1956, unless sufficient information is developed to warrant the earlier submission thereof.

As Baltimore Sobell Committee is not presently active in Baltimore, the New York Office may disregard the lead set out in Baltimore referenced report, 1/26/55.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: AUG 19 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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(OO: New York)

ReBulet 8/2/55. b7d

On 8/9/55 [redacted] House Committee on Un-American Activities, made available to SA JOSEPH A. CONNORS, Jr., transcripts of public testimony taken by HCUA on 8/2,3,4, and 5/55 in connection with captioned organization. [redacted] advised that the transcripts need not be returned and, accordingly, they are being retained by WFO.

The Bureau and New York Office are being supplied photostats of the complete testimony. The offices listed below are being forwarded photostats of the testimony appropriate to their divisions: 1866

Boston Office - Testimony of 8/2/55.
Chicago Office - Testimony of 8/3/55
Cleveland Office - Testimony of 8/2/55
Detroit Office - Testimony of 8/4/55
Milwaukee Office - Testimony of 8/2/55.
Newark Office - Testimony of 8/4/55
Philadelphia Office - Testimony of 8/3/55.

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- 2 - Boston (100-27290) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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- 2 - Cleveland (100-20243) (Encl. 1) (RM)
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- 2 - Milwaukee (100-11982) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Newark (100-36202) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - New York (100-107111) (Encls. 4) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia (100-37667) Encls. 1) (RM)



290 Broadway
New York 7, New York

August 22, 1955

Mr. Herman Lubin
39 Broadway
New York 6, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lubin:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of August 16, 1955,
with enclosures.

The information contained in your letter has been made
a matter of record in our organization.

Very truly yours,

JAMES J. KELLY
Special Agent in Charge

enc. 1/2/55

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, PORTLAND (100-9004)

OREGON COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
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Re airtel 8/11/55 concerning a meeting of the above
committee on [redacted] at which YURI SUHL was the featured speaker.
The information set out in referenced letter was provided by [redacted]

Information concerning the same meeting also was
provided by [redacted] who has provided reliable in the past, by
report received 8/12/55. For the information of the Bureau, in
telling of the remarks made by SUHL, [redacted] said that he asserted
that at the time of his arrest SOBELL was beaten for hours by
Mexican authorities and later also beaten when he was picked up
at the border by FBI Agents since he would not cooperate with
them. SUHL went on to say that SOBELL still has not cooperated
with the FBI although Agents have called on him three times and
asked him "to talk".

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AIR-TEL

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BALTIMORE

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka,
IS-G; ISA of 1950.

Re SAC let 55-51(Q).

Under date of 6/21/55, the NYO prepared a Supplemental
Prosecutive Summary Report on captioned organization. Instant
report contained a witness-appendix.

Set out below, under the heading of the respective
field division in which they operate, are those informants who
furnished information included in instant Supplemental Prosecutive
Summary about whom the NYO has insufficient background data to
set out in a witness-appendix or cover letter to the Bureau.

[REDACTED]

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- 2 - LOS ANGELES (100-41648) (Registered Air Mail)
- 2 - ST. LOUIS (100-11726) (Registered Air Mail)
- 2 - SAN FRANCISCO (100-35117) (Registered Air Mail)

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In conformance with SAC let 35-51(Q), each office immediately should advise the NYO which of its above respective permanent symbol numbers apply to current confidential informants and if they are members of the CP. If not a CP member, indicate if the informant furnishes information concerning CP activities or CP front groups.

Those that are not current confidential informants should be identified by name and proper background data set out. If an individual is not a current confidential informant, indicate if his identity may be disclosed and whether or not he is willing to testify before the Subversive Activities Control Board concerning information furnished relative to captioned organization.

Quairtel immediately.

KELLY

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-25530)
FROM : SA RICHARD F. ALLEN
SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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DATE: 8/30/55

On July 8, 1955, [redacted] furnished the writer in person with a typewritten report concerning the second Rosenberg Memorial Meeting held on June 19, 1955, in Curtis Hall, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the Chicago Sobell Committee. This report is being retained in [redacted]

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The informant reported that approximately 250 to 275 persons attended this second memorial, which included the following individuals identified by the informant: [redacted]

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100- [redacted] (LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE)

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SAC, CHICAGO

RE: CHICAGO SOBELL
COMMITTEE

[REDACTED]

The informant reported that in the hall outside Curtis Hall was a table with free literature and copies of books for sale. According to the informant, RUTH ROTHSTEIN and SUNNY BURNS sat at a table selling admission tickets.

The informant reported that on the stage, which was adorned by an American flag, sat Rabbi YAMPOL, GALE SONDERGAARD, SYLVIA FISHER, and ANGUS CAMERON.

The informant reported that Rabbi YAMPOL chaired this memorial, giving an invocation, and including in his prayer the wish that the ROSENBERGs know peace in heaven. It was reported that Rabbi YAMPOL introduced himself remarking that there were no programs and people might not know who he was. YAMPOL stated further that in effect that this was the best country in the world to live in but that we must not be blind. He stated that we must have justice with kindness and if there were any doubt as to guilt, people should not be executed.

The informant reported that GALE SONDERGAARD, who was the second speaker, advised that she had recently spoken at a meeting in Los Angeles where some 1,500 people attended. She further brought greetings from ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL. According to the informant, SONDERGAARD's speech compared the ROSENBERGs to JOHN BROWN who was executed in 1859. The informant reported that SONDERGAARD stated, "Why couldn't he have waited, the ROSENBERGs were executed in 1953, why couldn't they wait." SONDERGAARD discussed the DREYFUS case comparing MORTON SOBELL to DREYFUS. She stated that she had played the part of Madam DREYFUS in the motion picture, "The Life of EMIL ZOLA."

The informant reported that SYLVIA FISHER made the collection speech, advising that a New York firm had been engaged for MORTON SOBELL's case. She stated that the Chicago Sobell Committee has pledged \$5,000.00 to be obtained by this fall. Miss FISHER also stated that \$600.00 had been raised the previous evening and that approximately \$1,000.00 was raised so far this evening. She mentioned the Park Forest Committee, the Hyde Park-Kenwood Committee, and a contribution made by MANDEL TERMAN.

The final speaker for the evening was ANGUS CAMERON, Publisher of

SAC, CHICAGO

RE: CHICAGO SOBELL
COMMITTEE

the book, "False Witness", and of the forthcoming book, "The Judgment of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG", by JOHN WELLEY. CAMERON referred to the "smeld" case stating that HARRY GOLD was a liar and that Mr. SAYPOL knew that GOLD had lied in the other case. CAMERON also spoke about the publishing business and referred to reading of manuscripts in the witness box of the Grand Jury and in Committee Hearing Rooms.

The informant also furnished on July 8, 1955, literature obtained by him at instant meeting, the same being retained in the bulky exhibit of 100-25530-1B2 (222, 225 through 229).

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: September 1, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Re WFO letter 8-19-55 with which appropriate offices were furnished Photostats of transcripts of testimony taken by HCUA on 8/2-5/55 in connection with captioned organization.

Above-mentioned testimony should be thoroughly reviewed and pertinent portions thereof incorporated in your next report. During the course of this review you should be alert to any leads indicated therein and take proper action. Consideration should be given to the interview of various witnesses who furnished this testimony, especially if it appears that a witness is in a position to furnish additional information which has not been previously made available to your office.

It is desired that this matter be handled as promptly as possible and the Bureau advised no later than 10-15-55 by each recipient of this communication that this review has been completed and necessary action taken.

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE SEP 1 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19; 2/18; 6/17, 30; 8/4, 15-19/55	REPORT MADE BY RICHARD A. MINIHAN pxf
TITLE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

█████ advised subject Committee continues to maintain an office at 1050 Sixth Avenue, NYC, and the CP continues to take an active interest in its affairs. █████ advised that the committee's objectives are to free SOBELL and to protest the innocence of the ROSENBERGS. █████ advised that the subject committee held a rally at Carnegie Hall, NYC, on 6/16/55, and approximately 2,000 persons attended. It was announced at the rally that a collection which was taken amounted to \$5,000. "The Worker" of 6/19/55 reflected that the committee would pay tribute to JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG at Pinelawn Cemetery on 6/19/55. "The Worker" on 8/7/55 criticized the House Un-American Activities Committee for investigating men and women who sought clemency and justice for the ROSENBERGS.

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DETAILS:

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

█████ who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 4, 1955 that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC) continues to maintain a national office at 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City, and the Communist Party continues to take an active interest in the NCSJRC.

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According to [redacted] the primary objective of the NCSJRC at this time is to transfer MORTON SOBELL from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, to an east coast penitentiary. b-7D

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 30, 1955, that the NCSJRC continues to be fairly active in the major cities throughout the United States. The Committee's objectives are to free SOBELL and to continue protesting the innocence of the ROSENBERGS. b-7D

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 21, 1955, that about 28 people attended a meeting held on the second floor of the building at 1050 Sixth Avenue, which was called a meeting of the "Sobell Committee," on February 18, 1955. b-2

The following topics were discussed:

I. The refusal of the warden at Alcatraz to allow SOBELL's wife and child to visit him after he had previously given him permission. It was discussed how this unusual punishment could be brought to the attention of the public. It was agreed that the issuance of some pamphlets on the subject would help.

II. It was agreed that it should be brought to the public's attention that SOBELL was a "political prisoner" among the criminal element.

III. That these two points would be covered at a forthcoming Chicago meeting of the committee.

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 19, 1955, [redacted] b2d

that one half of the sales price of a book to be published entitled, "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel

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Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY is to be donated to the NCSJRC. [redacted] stated that members of the committee were canvassing all libraries in New York, and asking if the libraries had a book on Julius and Ethel Rosenberg in order to get the libraries to order copies of the book. b7d

RALLY AT CARNEGIE HALL

[redacted] advised on June 17, 1955, that NCSJRC held a rally at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on June 16, 1955, "in memory of the Rosenbergs" and "to free Morton Sobell." The informant stated that approximately 2,000 persons attended. b7d

At the entrance to Carnegie Hall, women were offering a red rose, free of charge, in memory of the ROSENBERGS to people entering the hall.

Inside Carnegie Hall, the stage was decorated on one side with two large photographs, one of ETHEL ROSENBERG and the other of JULIUS ROSENBERG. On the other end of the platform was an enlarged photograph of MORTON SOBELL and near it was an enlarged photograph of the jacket of the book, "The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY.

[redacted] further advised that the chairman of the meeting was DAVID ALMAN, an officer of the NCSJRC. ALMAN stated that the time was "right" to free MORTON SOBELL. ALMAN also made the statement that there was a good chance that SOBELL would be on the platform with them in less than a year. b7d

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[redacted] stated that a one act play entitled, "The Innocents" was presented on the stage depicting the last hours of the ROSENBERGS, and showing how an official of the Department of Justice tried to influence them to confess. b7c

Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, read a letter from her husband professing his innocence.

[redacted] advised that a collection was taken up during the rally, and it was announced that \$5,000 was collected. b7d

With reference to the rally at Carnegie Hall, "The Worker," the Sunday Edition of the "Daily Worker", an east coast Communist newspaper, on June 5, 1955, contained an ad on page 16 announcing the event and listing the admission price as \$1.25. It was also announced that tickets were available at the offices of the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 Sixth Avenue, NYC.

ROSENBERG PUBLICATIONS

"The Worker" of June 19, 1955 contained an article on page 9 which was captioned, "Toward the Vindication of the Rosenbergs." This article listed the following books on the ROSENBERG case:

"The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEELEY, publishers Cameron and Kahn, price \$6.00.

"The Atom Spy Hoax" by WILLIAM REUBEN, publisher Action Books, price \$3.75.

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"The Rosenberg Story" by VIRGINIA GARDNER, publisher Masses and Mainstream, Inc., price \$1.00.

"The Testament of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg", publishers Cameron and Kahn, price \$1.50.

"I Call You Across the Continent", Poems, by Edith Segal, publisher Peoples Artists, price \$.25.

The following publications were announced to be available at the office of the NCSJRC:

"The Transcript of the Rosenberg-Sobell Trial Record", price \$6.00.

"Speech of Dr. Harold Urey", price \$.10.

"The Sobell Fact Sheet", price \$.10.

"The Case of Morton Sobell", by D. N. BRITT, price \$.10.

"The Worker" of June 19, 1955 also contained an article on page 6 that stated that the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL was to pay tribute to JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG at the Wellwood Cemetery, Pinelawn, Long Island, New York, on the same date at 1:30 p.m.

"The Worker" of August 7, 1955 carried an article on page 15 which was captioned, "Witchhunters' New Target; Defenders of Rosenbergs." This article was written by VIRGINIA GARDNER, and stated that Representative FRANCIS E. WALTER, Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Committee, was crucifying "the courageous men and women" who sought clemency and justice for the ROSENBERGS.

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JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG, and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, for conspiracy to commit espionage in behalf of the Soviet Union.

On April 5, 1951, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment.

On June 19, 1953, JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York. MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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1810	9/6/55	NY Airtel to LA	2	0	
1811	9/7/55	SL letter to NY	1	1	
1811A	10/7/55	DE letter to NY re: People's Voice Newspaper	3	3	
1812	9/8/55	NY letter to HQ	4	4	
1813	9/9/55	BS letter to HQ	1	1	
1814	9/9/55	MI letter to HQ	1	1	
1815	9/14/55	SA to SAC - Memo	2	2	
1816	9/15/55	NY letter to HQ	6	6	
1817	9/3/55	DL letter to HQ	1	1	
1817A	10/12/55	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
1818	9/15/55	HQ letter to DL	1	1	
1818	9/15/55	HQ letter to DL	1	1	1 DUPE

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1819	9/16/55	NK letter to NY	6	1	
1819	9/16/55	NK letter to NY	6	1	1 DUPE
1820	9/19/55	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
1821	9/19/55	WFO letter to NY	6	-	MS 100-37158-1677 NY FILE # 100-109219
1822	9/19/55	NY Airtel to HQ	1	1	
1822A	10/19/55	SA to SAC Memo	5	3	
1823	9/21/55	WFO letter to HQ	5	5	
1824	9/21/55	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
1824A	10/21/55	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
1825	9/22/55	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
1826	9/23/55	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
1827	9/23/55	CV letter to HQ	3	3	

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1828	9/23/55	SA to SAC Memo re: Morning Freiheit Newspaper	1	1	
1828A	10/27/55	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
1829	9/27/55	SA to SAC Memo	5	9	
1830	9/28/55	WFO Report to HQ	46	46	
1831	9/29/55	Complaint Form FD-71	1	1	
1832	9/29/55	SA to SAC Memo re: Morning Freiheit Newspaper	2	2	
1833	9/29/55	CG Report to HQ	30	-	BUFILE # 65-58286
1834	9/30/55	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	
1835	9/30/55	SA to SAC Memo	2	0	
1836	9/30/55	SA to SAC Memo	4	4	
1837	10/5/55	WFO airtel to HQ, NY	1	1	
1838	10/5/55	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	

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1839	10/6/55	SA to SAC Memo	3	0	
1840	10/6/55	DE letter to HQ	2	2	
1841	10/7/55	SA to SAC memo re: Third Party	1	0	
1841A	10/7/55	SA to SAC Memo	3	3	
1842	10/10/55	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
1843	10/10/55	HQ Airtel to CG	2	2	
1843A	10/10/55	HQ letter to NY	1	1	
1844	10/11/55	SA to SAC memo re: Third Party	5	0	
1845	10/11/55	SA to SAC Memo	1	1	
1846	10/11/55	NY letter to HQ	1	1	
1847	10/12/55	LA Report to HQ	20	20	
1848	10/13/55	NK letter to HQ	1	1	

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1849	10/14/55	CA to SAC memo re Morning Herald Newspaper	2	2	
1850	10/11/55	PH letter to HQ	2	2	
1851	10/18/55	CA to SAC memo re Third Party	2	0	
1851A	10/20/55	CA to SAC memo	3	3	

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-10711)

DATE: 9-7-55

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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Rerep SA HARRY C. JUNE dated 8-15-55 at St. Louis

It is requested that SL T-2 appearing on Page 3, Paragraph 5, line 1, be changed to SL T-1 in accordance with instructions received from the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE October 2, 1955

FROM

SA, Detroit

SUBJECT

GLOS LUDOWY
PEOPLE'S VOICE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following is a summary of information contained in recent issues of the "Glos Ludowy".

The "Glos Ludowy" is described as a Polish-English language weekly newspaper published in Detroit which closely follows the Communist Party line.

The information which pertains to individuals and activities within your division is being furnished for informational purposes and for any action deemed appropriate.

A copy of this communication is not being retained by the Detroit Division.

EDITORIAL

GLORY TO THE ROSENBERGS! FREE SOBELL!
Page 2, Columns 1-2, Continued on Page 14, Columns 1-2
ISSUE OF JUNE 25, 1955

Two years ago, on June 19, 1953, ETHEL and JULIA ROSENBERG died a heroic death in gloomy Sing Sing Prison. They were sentenced to death by Judge Irving Kaufman, sentenced on the false testimony of false witnesses. ROSENBERG and his friend MORTON SOBELL were charged with stealing atom bomb "secrets." The trial of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL was carefully prepared by the FBI. Professional spies like ELIZABETH BENTLEY, HARRY GOLD, MAX ELITCHER, the GREENGLASSES and many others testified against them. At the trial in 1950 no documents were presented against ROSENBERG and SOBELL which could have supported the verbal charges of the false witnesses.

The case of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL was a serious frame-up from beginning to end of a political foundation. The American reaction was interested in intensifying the "cold war" and terrorising progressive and peace-loving elements in the USA. In accusing the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL of treason and espionage the enemies of peace and advocates of an atomic war were hurling this monstrous charge at all progressives, respectable Democrats and New Dealers, liberal

and communists so as to deprive them of their esteem and honor in the eyes of the American people.

At the same time a precedent not noted in the history of the USA was created when alleged espionage was punished by death during peacetime. This precedent created a basis for the further sentencing to death on false testimony all Americans who would be inconvenient to the atomic adventurers in Washington preparing for a hot war.

The trial of the Rosenbergs was, therefore, a frame-up on a wide scale, the kind that was unknown in the history of humanity. The trial of ALFRED DREYFUS in France in the Nineteenth Century, innocently accused of espionage, turns white beside the crafty falsehood and cruelty that met the ROSENBERGS. ALFRED DREYFUS was found innocent and returned from DEVIL'S ISLAND, and his accusers were put behind prison bars.

The ROSENBERGS were less fortunate than DREYFUS. They died a heroic death and with faith in their hearts that the truth of their innocence and the cruel truth about the barbarity of their murderers will come to the surface one day.

And this day is approaching inevitably. More and more people in the USA and throughout the world are learning the truth about the ROSENBERGS and are demanding judgment of the FALSE JUSTICE of the American courts.

The first step in this direction should be the reopening of the case of MORTON SOBELL, friend of the ROSENBERGS, sentenced to 30 years imprisonment in terrible Alcatraz.

Five years have passed since MORTON SOBELL has been waiting for the voice of justice which will shake the walls of the prison, will awaken the conscience of the American people and will cleanse the bedraggled justice of our country.

A stronger and stronger movement is rising in the USA in defense of SOBELL, in defense of American justice.

Scarcely two years have passed since the death of the ROSENBERGS, the sparing of whose lives was refused even on the plea of Pope Pius XII himself and a review of whose case was denied several times, -but the system of planned frame-up and false witnesses in the judicature of our country has been rendered serious blows. More and more false witnesses like MATUSOW, BROWN and others are admitting that they lied on order, that they testified falsely under oath.

Books about the Rosenbergs by prominent writers that reveal the false testimony and the truth about the martyrs of the atomic era, who died so that humanity might live in peace, are making their appearance.

In paying tribute to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, we are demanding the release of MORTON SOBELL!

-Director, FBI (100-387835)

9/8/55

SAC, New York (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,

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Re NY let, 6/21/55, captioned as above, enclosing a
Supplementary Prosecutive Summary Report of SA RICHARD A.
MINIHAN, 6/21/55, NY, with Witness - Appendices.

Re SAC let 55-51, (Q).

Page 2 of Re NY let set out a list of potential wit-
nesses referred to in rerep on whom the NYO had insufficient back-
ground data. Background information, when received from auxili-
ary offices was to be furnished to the Bureau by the NYO.

Re SAC let discontinues the practise of determining
availability of witnesses and instructs that background infor-
mation and willingness to testify should not be set out for
current confidential informants at the time the Witness-Appendix
is submitted.

There are herewith set out those potential witnesses
from the list appearing on page 2 of re NY let who are current
confidential informants of the Bureau, according to present in-
formation in NY files. T-symbols appearing along side the per-
manent symbol number of the informant apply to T-symbols utilized
in the Supplementary Prosecutive Summary report of SA RICHARD A.
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In compliance with instructions of SAC let 55-51 (Q) no background data will be set out, at this time, concerning the current confidential informants.


In the event the Department of Justice decides to utilize one or more of the above confidential informants as a witness, in accordance with Bureau instructions, background data and willingness to testify will be ascertained by the Bureau from the Field Division controlling the respective informant.

In addition to the above, there is set out background information made available by auxiliary offices concerning potential witnesses appearing on the list of page 2 of re NY let, which potential witnesses are not current confidential informants:

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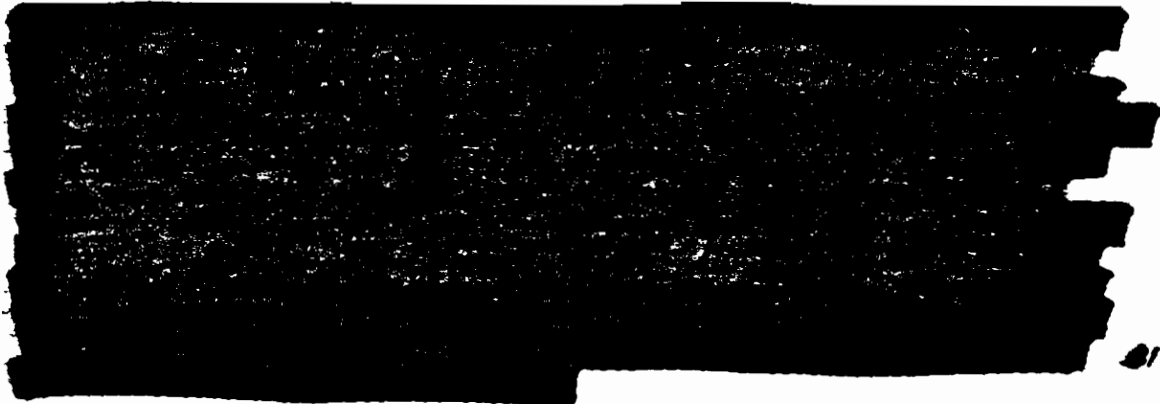
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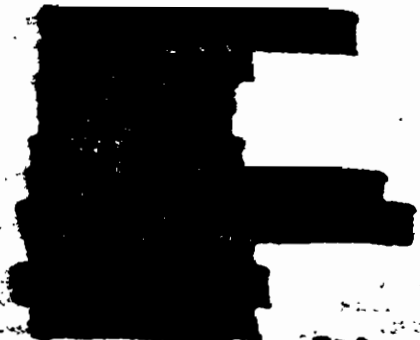


Of the list of potential witnesses appearing on page 2 of relet, there still remains the following on whom the New York Office has not received information from auxiliary offices relative to their current status and their willingness to testify:

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The auxiliary offices controlling these latter potential witnesses have been instructed to immediately furnish the desired information to the NYO. This information will be forwarded to the Bureau when received by the NYO. - P -

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

September 9, 1955

SAC, BOSTON (100-27290)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Reference Bureau letter to New York dated September 1, 1955, referring to photostats of transcriptions of the testimony taken by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with captioned organization from August 2-5, 1955.

The testimony of the witnesses from the Boston Division, namely, JAMES W. GLATIS, HERMAN TANSKY and PHILIP KORITZ, has been reviewed.

It is noted that neither HERMAN TANSKY or PHILIP KORITZ offered any positive testimony, both individuals using their rights under the 5th Amendment to avoid testifying.

A review of the testimony of JAMES W. GLATIS indicates that this witness in his testimony supplied all the knowledge he has concerning the activities of this organization in the Boston Division.

It is not believed that interviews with any of these witnesses would be productive in any way.

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cc: 1-New York (100-107111)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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SAC, MILWAUKEE (100-11982)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Re WFO letter of August 19, 1955, enclosing testimony taken by
the HCUA on August 2, 1955, in connection with captioned organization
and Bureau letter of September 1, 1955.

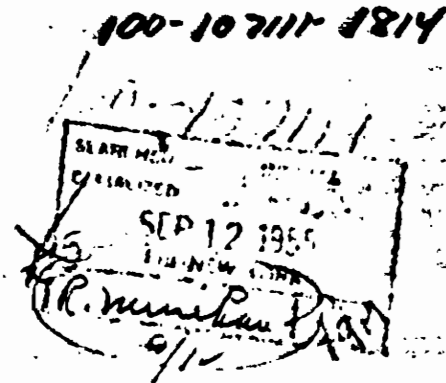
The entire testimony furnished by the WFO was reviewed by the
Milwaukee Office in accordance with instructions contained in
referenced Bureau letter.

Testimony pertinent to Milwaukee consisted of testimony by JOHN
GILMAN, Head of the Rosenberg Committee in Wisconsin. GILMAN
invoked the 5th amendment to all pertinent questions relating to
his CP membership and to CP control of captioned organization.
There was no other testimony relating to activity of captioned
organization in Wisconsin or to any CP of Wisconsin members. The
review failed to reflect any testimony which furnished any leads
for the Milwaukee Office nor did it reflect the names of any
witnesses in a position to furnish additional information not
previously made available to the Milwaukee Office.

It will be noted that GILMAN's CP connections and position as Head
of the Rosenberg Committee have been set out in Milwaukee reports
relating to captioned organization, copies of which were furnished
the New York Office. ENC.

W.R. Remmer
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1 - New York (100-107111)



SAC (100-25530)

September 14, 1955

SA RICHARD W. ALLEN

CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS-C

On July 6, 1955, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose name must be protected with a "T" symbol, furnished the writer in person with a handwritten report concerning the June 19, 1955 Second Annual Memorial to the death of the ROSENBERGS sponsored by the Chicago Sobell Committee held at Curtiss Hall, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This report is being retained in [redacted] b7D

According to the informant, approximately 200 people attended this meeting which included Rabbi YAMPOL who chaired the meeting, GAIL SANDERGAARD, ANGUS CAMERON, and SYLVIA FISCHER. According to the informant, Rabbi YAMPOL opened the meeting with a memorial prayer in memory of the ROSENBERG. At the conclusion of this prayer he introduced GAIL SANDERGAARD who gave a drawn out speech praising the ROSENBERGS. The informant reported that SANDERGAARD's speech was devoted to the memory of the ROSENBERGS although she did slander Senator MC CARTHY and made a statement in words to the effect that a Mc Carthy America would be a Fascism.

SYLVIA FISCHER was introduced and gave the collection speech asking for contributions to go as payment for lawyers to re-open the SOBELL Case.

YAMPOL introduced ANGUS CAMERON who spoke in memory of the ROSENBERGS and devoted his speech to praising the ROSENBERGS and slandering Senator MC CARTHY. CAMERON spoke on the "paid perjurers" used by the government to convict the ROSENBERGS - SOBELL.

According to the informant, approximately \$1600 was raised at this affair.

This informant also furnished on July 6, 1955, the following described items which were obtained by him at the aforementioned meeting. These items are being retained as indicated:

3-New York (NY)
(100- [redacted])

2-Los Angeles (LA)

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SAC (100-25530)

1-A printed pamphlet entitled "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell" distributed by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, New York, New York.

2-A printed pamphlet entitled "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY distributed by the Sobell Committee, New York, New York.

3-A printed brochure entitled "Atomic Scientists Ask Justice for MORTON SOBELL" by Dr. HAROLD C. UFFY distributed by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. This brochure contains pictures of Dr. HAROLD C. UFFY, MORTON SOBELL, and his wife HELEN SOBELL.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

7/15/55

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
IR-C & ISA-50

Re NY letter, 6/21/55, enclosing a Supplementary
Prosecutive Summary Report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN,
6/21/55, NY, captioned above, with Witness Appendices;
also re NY letter, 9/8/55, captioned above.

The NY letters set forth background data and current
status of potential witnesses mentioned in re report. Page
four of re NY letter, 9/8/55, set out a list of potential
witnesses on whom the NYO, as of that date, had no
information concerning current status and willingness to
testify.

Herewith set out is information relative to the
current status of those remaining potential witnesses.
The information was furnished by the Auxiliary Offices
controlling the respective potential witness. Symbols
are those utilized in re Supplementary Prosecutive Summary
Report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, 6/21/55, NY.

1-B2 is [redacted]

This witness is a current member of the CP who is
furnishing information to the FBI.

1-B3 is [redacted]

This witness is a current member of the CP who is
furnishing information to the FBI.

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T-325 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current confidential informant of the FBI who furnishes information concerning CP front activities. He is not a member of the CP.

T-326 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current confidential informant of the FBI who furnishes information on CP front activities. He is not a member of the CP.

T-329 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T-330 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-107111

T-334 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current member of the CP who is furnishing information to the FBI. b7D

T-337 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

T-368 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current member of the CP who furnishes information to the FBI. b7D

T-370 is [REDACTED]

This witness is currently furnishing information concerning CP and CP front group activities. b1

T-385 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current confidential informant of the FBI, who furnishes information concerning CP front activities. This witness is not a member of the CP. [REDACTED] b7D

Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-107111

T-391 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current member of the CP **B7D**
who is furnishing information to the FBI.

T-392 is [REDACTED]

T-393 is [REDACTED]

T-394 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current Confidential Informant
of the FBI who furnishes information concerning CP front **B7D**
activities. He is not a member of the CP.

T-395 is [REDACTED]

Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-107111

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T-396 is [REDACTED]

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T-405 is [REDACTED]

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T-406 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current Confidential Informant of the FBI, who furnishes information concerning CP front activities. He is not a member of the CP.

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Letter to DIRECTOR, FBI
NY 100-107111

T-417 is [REDACTED]

This witness is a current Confidential Informant of the FBI, who furnishes information concerning CP front activities. [REDACTED]

The above information, in addition to the background data set out in re NY letters, completes the required background information concerning all potential witnesses utilized in the Supplementary Prosecutive Summary Report of SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN, dated 6/21/55, NY, entitled, "NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka; IS-C & ISA-50".

DIRECTOR, FBI

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September 3, 1955

SAC, DALLAS (100-9895)

DALLAS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL
INTERNAL SECURITY-C

Information has come to the attention of the Dallas Office that HAVEN PALMER PERKINS of St. Louis, Missouri, a representative of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, was in Dallas on June 27 to July 1, 1955. PERKINS reportedly was about that time visiting several cities.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It appears that the Dallas Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell has come into existence with ELWOOD and NATALIE ROSS as its leaders. The Dallas Office has opened an investigation concerning this organization for the purpose of ascertaining and reporting the development and activities of this group. A report will later be submitted reflecting same.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)(6)

DATE: 10/13/55

FROM : SA ARTHUR P. HEALY

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN ROSENBERG CASE IS-C

SOURCE: [REDACTED] (Protect by [REDACTED] T symbol)

RELIABILITY: Who has furnished reliable information in the past.

DATE OF ACTIVITY: Report dated 9/6/55.

DATE RECEIVED: 9/9/55

RECEIVED BY: SA ARTHUR P. HEALY

LOCATION: [REDACTED]

The information contained in this report should not be disseminated outside of the Bureau unless it is paraphrased.

The informant reported on the plans of the captioned organization to hold a large national campaign during the coming fall and winter months on behalf of MORTON SOBELL.

It is to be noted that MORTON SOBELL is now serving a 30 year sentence in Alcatraz on conviction of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of Soviet Union.

1 - Los Angeles

1 - NY 100-80975 (CRC)(7-2)

1 - NY 100-80975 (CP, USA Pamphlets and Publications)(12-14)

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Report

"National Committee to
Secure Justice for
Morton Sobell" Activities

Sept. 6, 1955
New York

[REDACTED] the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" is planning "a large national campaign" during the coming "fall and winter months" on behalf of Morton Sobell. [REDACTED] the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" will held mass meetings in many large cities over the country at which "important political and civic leaders will publicly demand a new trial for Morton Sobell."

At all of these meetings, [REDACTED] the Sobell Committees will try to push the sale of John Wexley's back on the trial of the Rosenbergs "which contains many new and important facts about the frame up of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell."

[REDACTED] "The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell is out to place at least 100,000 of these books in the hands of 100,000 American families. The Committee believes that those who will read this book will be convinced in the innocence of the Rosenbergs and of Sobell and that the government will eventually be forced to grant a new trial for Morton Sobell".

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[REDACTED] the "National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" will hold a large mass meeting in New York at Carnegie Hall on September 29, 1955 at which among the speakers will be Senator Langer (a member of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee) and the writer Waldo Frank.

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S C, Dallas (100-3895)

September 15, 1955

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Director, FBI (100-387335)

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR HORTON SOBELL
(DALLAS COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR HORTON SOBELL)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reurlet dated September 3, 1955, relative to the captioned matter, a copy of which is enclosed for the information of the New York Office.

Inasmuch as the formation of the Dallas Committee to Secure Justice for Horton Sobell is apparently under the auspices of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Horton Sobell concerning which investigation, New York is the Office of Origin. You should keep the New York Office advised of all pertinent developments relative to this matter.

It is desired that the activities of this Dallas affiliate be closely followed and a report suitable for dissemination forwarded to the Bureau in the near future. New York Office should be carried as origin in this matter.

2 cc SAC, New York (W/Enclosure)

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SAC, Dallas (100-9595)

September 16, 1955

Director, FBI (100-387835)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL
(DALLAS COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL)
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2 cc SAC, New York (W/Enclosure)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 9/16/55

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, Aka.
IS - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT, 1950

Reference: New York letter to Bureau dated May
2, 1955.

Newark letters to New York dated February 4, 1953
and February 18, 1953.

In the Newark letter to New York dated February 18,
1953 the following information is set forth concerning the
informants listed on pages 23 through 29:

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SA JOSEPH G. KELLY

PHILADELPHIA SOBELL COMMITTEE
IS - C

On 6/28/55, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past and whose identity should be protected, furnished SA JOSEPH G. KELLY with the following items, which are retained as exhibits in Philadelphia file 100-37667-1B-29 (3). B7D

1. A throwaway captioned "In Memory of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg - Removal from Alcatraz - A New Trial for Morton Sobell," issued by the Philadelphia Sobell Committee, PO Box 805, Philadelphia 5, Pa. This throwaway urges that Morton Sobell be transferred from Alcatraz Prison, where he is now incarcerated and urges the recipient of the throwaway to buy and sell "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by JOHN WEXLEY.

2. A pamphlet "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by JOHN WEXLEY. It urges the recipient to buy and sell WEXLEY's book, which is issued by the "Sobell Committee, Room 2, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City 18, N.Y. Pamphlet reflects checks in payment for the book may be made payable to the Sobell Committee or to SARAH LICHTENBERG.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE,
IS-C; INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950.

The 9/19/55 issue of the National Guardian reflects
advertisement on page 5, captioned, "Assembly for Justice for
MORTON SOBELL, "Carnegie Hall, 9/29/.

Speakers, US Senator WILLIAM LANGER, WALDO FRANK,
Novelist and Essayist; JOHN F. FINERTY, Attorney in SACCO-
VANZETTI Case. Tickets \$1.25.

Therefore-mentioned assembly is being sponsored by
the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL,
1050 6th Avenue, NYC.

Foregoing for information of Bureau.

KELLY

3 - Bureau (100-387335) (RM)

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whom an expressed promise of confidentiality
has been given. This information includes
dates and places of meetings which were
attended by a limited number of people known
to the informant and/or information from these
meetings and situations in which an informant
was in close contact with members of these
organizations, disclosure of which would reveal
his identity.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, St. Louis (100-11726)
FROM: SA CARL R. O'CONNOR
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
IS - C

DATE: OCT 19 1955

Context of two-page typewritten report [redacted] personally received by writer on 9-20-55 from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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"September 20, 1955

"September 19, 1955, St. Louis Committee to secure justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case, sponsored a meeting at the Melbourne Hotel Sept. 19, 1955. Speaker of the evening was David Alman.

"There were 36-38 people present.

"Haven Perkins opened the meeting praising the great work of the committee for the work to secure justice for Morton Sobell."

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"DAVID ALMAN
WILL SPEAK
MONDAY, SEPT. 19, 8:00 P.M.
MELBOURNE HOTEL
Grand and Linnell

"David and Emily Alman, the architects of the world wide campaign to save the Rosenbergs, are now returning to active full time

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"leadership of the efforts to free Morton Sobell. David Alman will be in St. Louis on Monday, September 19 and will speak at the Melbourne Hotel at 8:00 P.M.

"The rising tide of American fight-back against the McCarthyism terror and the disclosures of the Geneva Atoms-For-Peace conference open new opportunities for a nation-wide movement for justice for Morton Sobell.

"John Wexley's new book, The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, is being widely read. A Dayton jury decided that Harry Gold, one of the main witnesses in the Rosenberg-Sobell trial, is a pathological liar. Taylor and FitzGerald, New Dealers accused of espionage by Elizabeth Bentley (who also testified at the Rosenberg-Sobell trial) are trying to get her on the witness stand for cross-examination. All these events provide a widening base for an exposure of the perjuries of the Rosenberg-Sobell trial.

"David Alman will discuss these and other developments in the case. He appeared before the UnAmerican Activities Committee in August.

"The meeting is open to the public. There will be no admission charge.

"ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE .Box 3232, Chouteau Station, St. Louis, Mo."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

DATE: SEP 21 1955

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-25474)

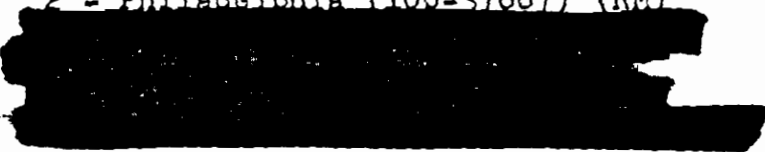
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
IS-C; ISA of 1950
(OO: NY)

ReBulet 9/1/55.

A review of the testimony taken by HCUA on 8/2-5/55 in connection with captioned organization has been made by WFO and the following information is being set forth regarding WFO subjects who participated in these hearings:

JOHN B. STONE, 2901 18th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., testified at these hearings on 8/3/55 and was accompanied by his attorney, JOSEPH FORER, 711 14th Street, NW, Washington, D. C. STONE was cooperative in supplying background information regarding himself but took the Fifth Amendment regarding questions concerning his CP membership and connections with subject organization.

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 - 2 - Cleveland (100-20243) (RM)
 - 2 - Detroit (100-20938) (RM)
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WFO advised the Bureau by letter dated 2/7/55, entitled JOHN BUCKLEY STONE, wa, JACK STONE, SM-C, Bufile 100-341262, WFO file 100-17232, that no interview with STONE was being recommended as no information had been received by WFO that STONE has altered his thinking with respect to the CP. This letter points out that if an interview with STONE were undertaken, STONE would undoubtedly use this interview for propaganda purposes as he has done concerning interviews of other subjects of this office. It is to be noted that JOHN BUCKLEY STONE is a current Security Index subject of this office.

The WFO has received no additional information since the date of the above letter indicating the desirability of a current interview with STONE.

Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, also testified before HCUA on 8/3/55, accompanied by her attorney, JOSEPH FORER, 711 14th Street, NW.

Mrs. WEICHBROD was cooperative in answering questions regarding her background, but took the Fifth Amendment regarding questions directed to her concerning her CP membership and activity in subject organization.

By letter dated 1/10/55 directed to the Bureau, entitled ETHEL WEICHBROD, was., SM-C, Bufile 65-58103, WFO file 100-27087, the WFO set forth details of an interview with WEICHBROD on 1/3/55. This letter points out that WEICHBROD was uncooperative, defiant, and hostile to the interviewing agent. It is to be noted that ETHEL WEICHBROD is a current Security Index subject of this office.

No information has been received by WFO since the date of the above referred to letter which indicates the desirability of another interview with this individual.

JOSEPH FORER, 711 14th Street, NW, acted as counselor for the following witnesses testifying before HCUA on the dates indicated:

HERMAN TAMSKY - On 8/2/55
56 Receiver Street
Boston, Massachusetts

PHILIP KORITZ
Boston, Massachusetts - On 8/2/55

DON ROTHENBERG . - On 8/2/55
Cleveland, Ohio

Mrs. MILDRED ROTHENBERG - On 8/2/55
Cleveland, Ohio

JOHN B. STONE - On 8/3/55
2901 18th Street, NW
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD - On 8/3/55
8321 Tahona Drive
Silver Spring, Maryland

Mrs. JOSEPHINE GRANAT - On 8/3/55
1163 E. 54th Street
Chicago, Illinois

RUTH BELMONT - On 8/3/55
Chicago, Illinois

Miss EVE NEIDELMAN - On 8/4/55
Detroit, Michigan

LOUIS HARAP - On 8/5/55
New York, New York

On 3/31/42, Attorney JOSEPH FORER was interviewed by agents of WFO in connection with a Hatch Act Investigation. The results of this interview were supplied to the Bureau in the report of SA W. W. PARRIOTT, dated 4/1/42 at Washington, in the case entitled JOSEPH FORER, IS-Hatch Act, Bufile 101-1765, WFO file 101-439.

No request has been submitted to the Bureau in regard to an interview of this individual under the Interview of Security Subjects Program, in view of FORER's prominence as an attorney engaged in the defense of organizations cited by the Attorney General of the U.S. and individuals reliably identified as Communists.

It is to be noted that JOSEPH FORER is a current Security Index subject of the WFO and has been designated as a key figure.

DAVID REIN, 711 14th Street, NW, Washington, D. C., acted as counselor for the following witnesses testifying before HCUA in regard to captioned organization on the dates indicated:

Mrs. SYLVIA FREEDLAND - On 8/3/55
230 South 16th Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Mrs. ADELAIDE RISKEN - On 8/3/55
329 North 22nd Street
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Mrs. JEAN D. FRANTJIS
249 South Melva Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania- On 8/3/55

It is noted that DAVID REIN was interviewed by an agent of WFO on 4/4/42 in connection with a Hatch Act Investigation. Results of this interview were set out in the report of SA HAWTHORNE PHILLIPS dated 4/8/42 at Washington, entitled DAVID REIN, IS-Hatch Act, Bufile 101-2426, WFO file 101-1920.

On 3/6/53 DAVID REIN testified before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, at which time he invoked the Fifth Amendment regarding CP membership.

No request has been submitted to the Bureau regarding interview of this individual because of a history of representing Communist leaders and alleged espionage subjects at trials and Congressional hearings. It is to be noted that DAVID REIN, wa, JACK ABBOTT, is a current Security Index subject of this office, who has been designated as a key figure.

It is noted further, that the law office of JOSEPH FORER and DAVID REIN, law partners, is located in the Sheraton Building, 711 14th Street, NW. Washington, D. C.

For the assistance of offices receiving a copy of this communication, following are thumbnails of JOSEPH FORER and DAVID REIN:

JOSEPH FORER

WF 516-S* on 3/28/50 advised that JOSEPH FORER, an attorney, was then representing ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in her efforts to obtain a renewal of her passport. In 4/50 informant advised that FORER had assisted in the preparation of certain legal papers in connection with the EUGENE DENNIS Contempt Case.

It is noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was a former chairman of the National Women's Commission, CP USA, who was tried and convicted in the USDC, Southern District of New York, in 1953, for violating the Smith Act of 1940.

It is noted also that EUGENE DENNIS was the General Secretary of the CP USA who was tried and convicted in 1949 and 1950 for violating the Smith Act of 1940. During this same period DENNIS was appealing a 1947 conviction of Contempt of Congress.

DAVID REIN

[REDACTED]

advised on 8/23/55 that DAVID REIN was known to informant to be a member of a secret CP group at the National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C., from 10/37 to mid-summer 1942. b7D

[REDACTED] who has supplied reliable information in the past, on 6/26/51 stated that as of 1944 REIN was a concealed Communist. [REDACTED]

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In view of the above, no requests are being submitted to the Bureau under individual case captions for authority to interview or re-interview JOHN B. STONE, Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD, JOSEPH FORER and DAVID REIN.

Offices receiving copies of this communication are requested to supply the WFO with current thumbnails on individuals testifying at the hearings of captioned organization, who utilized the services of either JOSEPH FORER, or DAVID REIN, attorneys. In this connection offices are requested to designate copies of their replies to WFO file 101-439 (JOSEPH FORER) and/or WFO 101-1920 (DAVID REIN).

It is further requested that this information be forwarded to WFO expeditiously in order that it may be incorporated into a current report. P.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: September 21, 1955

FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
FOR MORTON SOBELL
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

In connection with captioned matter it is noted that the "National Guardian" of September 5, 1955, contains an article on page 5 that an "assembly for justice" is scheduled to be held by that organization at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on September 29, 1955.

In the event appropriate arrangements have not already been made you are advised that Bureau desires that above affair be afforded adequate coverage through established sources. As you know the Department is presently exploring the possibilities of designating this organization pursuant to Executive Order 10450 and is also considering the possibility of instituting a proceeding relative to this organization before the Subversive Activities Control Board. Your coverage of the above affair, therefore, should include sources who will be available and willing to testify at some future date in the event such action is desired by the Department.

With further regard to the captioned organization it is desired that the Bureau be promptly forwarded a list of the national officers thereof, along with their official positions. This latter information should be forwarded to reach the Bureau no later than September 26, 1955.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: 10/21/55

FROM : SA(A) JAMES P. MOOTEN

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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T-1, who has furnished reliable info in past [redacted] First National City Bank, 55 Wall St., NYC) advised SA(A) MOOTEN on 10/10/55 that on 9/15/55 a \$687.60 payment was made by T-1's bank, at request of Hungarian Foreign Trade Bank, Ltd., Budapest, to JEROME PUBLISHING CO, INC. c/o GLORIA AGRIN, 220 Broadway, NYC. The payment was by order of Szikra Konyvkiado, Budapest and was on behalf of royalties of Agence Litteraire, Paris. (source 100-93157) 820

The information obtained from T-1 is not to be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : SAC (100-25530)

DATE: 9-22-55

FROM : SA RICHARD F. ALLEN

SUBJECT: CHICAGO SOBELL COMMITTEE
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On August 24, 1955, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and whose identity must be protected with a "T" symbol, furnished the writer in person with a typewritten report concerning the June 19, 1955, Second Annual Memorial Meeting "in memory of the Rosenbergs - Justice for MORTON SOBELL" sponsored by the Chicago Sobell Committee held at Curtiss Hall, 410 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This report is being retained in [REDACTED] 870

According to the informant, there were approximately 350 individuals in attendance at this affair which included Rabbi S. BURR YAMPOL who chaired the meeting, GAIL SONDERGAARD from California, ANGUS CAMERON and Mrs. SYLVIA FISCHER, who made the collection speech. According to the informant, Chairman YAMPOL stated that he loved his country but that there was a great need for a change of justice. YAMPOL stated that he felt that the accused person should not be punished when there was any doubt about a case, and he felt that there was a great deal of doubt in regard to the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Case. YAMPOL then introduced

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GAIL SONDERGAARD, who according to YAMPOL, had flown in from Los Angeles where she had spoken recently at another Rosenberg-Sobell Memorial Meeting.


According to the informant, GAIL SANDERGAARD compared the Rosenberg - Sobell Case with the famous Dreyfus Case and Madame DREYFUS for the part she played in the movie "Zola" with GEORGE ARLISS. SONDERGAARD stated that ZOLA helped DREYFUS by awakening a nation capable of fraternity and that we can win the freedom of SORELL by only awakening the Latin fraternity of the United States.

The second speaker was SYLVIA FISCHER who was introduced as one who had worked long and hard in behalf of the ROSENBERGS and SORELL. The informant reported that FISCHER gave a fund raising appeal and stated that the only tribute possible for the vindication of the ROSENBERGS is freedom for SORELL. SYLVIA FISCHER stated that a New York law firm had been retained to re-open the trial and that \$5,000 had to be raised by next fall. She stated that there was important new evidence and that extensive investigation was being carried on like it had never been carried on before. FISCHER stated that during the trial the cost of an attorney or good lawyer would be approximately \$100 a day. She stated that at a reception the night before \$600 had been collected and that they might as well start then and there that evening to raise the rest.

The informant reported that ANGUS CAMERON was a speaker at this affair and apparently according to the informant, his speech was a diatribe on liars and paid witnesses. According to CAMERON, he used to think that publishing was a respectable business but now he had to carry on most of his business on trains going to and from congressional investigations down in Washington. CAMERON stated that most of the congressional testimony was perjury. CAMERON plugged JOHN WEXLEY's book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" and felt that new material had been uncovered in this book; especially material concerning HARRY GOLD which proved that GOLD had been and always was a psychopathic liar.

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CAMERON further stated that the book "False Witness" by HARVEY PATUSO had led indirectly to the discrediting of the testimony of HARRY GOLD and other government witnesses. According to the informant, CAMERON wound up his speech by stating most emphatically "all the paid witnesses of Congress and the Department of Justice as well as the Mc Carthyites, Valdes, Dies, Jenner, Nixon, and Brownell, and the whole kit and caboodle are lying in their teeth".



The informant reported that by this speech ANGUS CAMERON presented GAIL SONDERGAARD and Rabbi YAMPOL with JOHN WEXLEY's book "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg".

On August 24, 1955, the informant furnished the writer in person with the following described item which is being retained in 100-25530-1B2(75), which was obtained by her at the aforementioned meeting:

1-A pamphlet bearing the text of the address given by Dr. HAROLD C. UREY, Atomic Scientist and Nobel Prize winner, at a testimonial dinner given in his honor by the Chicago Sobell Committee on February 12, 1955 at the Hotel Hamilton in Chicago. This pamphlet bore photographs of UREY, MORTON SORELL and HELEN SORELL.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Rebulet to New York, 9/21/55.

No information has been received from any source indicating a change of the following national officers as set forth in the Supplemental Prosecutive Summary Report of SA Richard A. Minihan, dated 6/21/55, at New York, with the exception of THEODORE JACOBS.

JOSEPH BRAININ	-	Regional Chairman
DANIEL MARSHAL	-	National Co-Chairman
Professor EPHRAIM CROSS	-	Chairman
EMILY ALMAN	-	Executive Secretary
DAVID ALMAN	-	Executive Secretary
AARON SCHNEIDER	-	Organization Secretary
SARAH LICHTENBERG	-	Committee Member
NORMA ARONSON	-	Committee Member
THEODORE JACOBS	-	Committee Member

On 6/16/55, [REDACTED] furnished the New York Office with a throwaway signed "Theodore Jacobs, For the Committee."

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SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20243)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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ReBulet 9-1-55.

In accordance with instructions contained in rolet, the photostatic copy of the transcript of testimony of DON ROTHENBERG and Mrs. MILDRED ROTHENBERG before the HCUA in Washington, D. C., on August 2, 1955, has been reviewed.

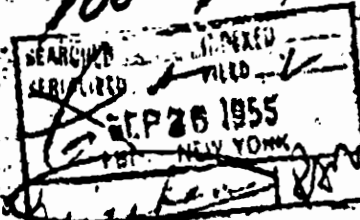
The transcript reflects that DON ROTHENBERG appeared before the HCUA on August 2, 1955, accompanied by JOSEPH FORER, Attorney-at-law, 711 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., at which time he testified, in brief, as follows:

He gave his name as DON ROTHENBERG; born July 19, 1924, in New York City; graduated from high school and attended Brooklyn College until 1943 when he enlisted in the Army. He returned from service in November, 1945 and attended George Washington University Washington, D. C., majoring in Political Science, until he graduated in August, 1947. At this time he was asked by Chairman WALTER of HCUA, "was it then that you joined the Communist Party?" ROTHENBERG replied that he refused to answer on grounds of the Fifth Amendment. He asked the committee to read a 692 page book which he had and which he later identified as "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg" by JOHN WEXLEY. ROTHENBERG then refused to say whether or not he knew JOHN WEXLEY was a member of the Communist Party. He also refused to say whether or not he was acquainted with MARYSTALCUP MARKWARD or ELEANOR DREISEN while at George Washington University, he declined to name the group before which he spoke at Antioch College in 1954.

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The Committee counsel FRANK S. TAVENNER then read into the records testimony of MARY STALCUP MARKWARD before the HCUA on June 11, 1951 to the effect that DON ROTHENBERG was recruited at George Washington University and was sponsored by ELEANOR DREISEN, a member of the Industrial Club immediately after the reorganization of the CP and who later transferred to Chicago around 1947. Mrs. MARKWARD's testimony, as read into the records, continued to the effect that ROTHENBERG agreed to join the CP providing his membership would not be known to other than the very top leadership of the Party and that it was agreed that DON ROTHENBERG should be a member at large and not belong to a club.

At this point in the proceedings ROTHENBERG was asked if he was a member at large of the CP while attending George Washington University. He refused to answer on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment. He also refused to say whether Mrs. MARKWARD's testimony was true or false. He stated he had resided in Cleveland, Ohio, since May 19, 1948 but declined to state his present occupation on grounds of the Fifth Amendment.

He also refused, on the same grounds, to state whether he had a connection with the Cleveland Committee For Justice to the Rosenbergs, and whether he had attended a convention of the national organization for the Defense of the Rosenbergs at Chicago and had been appointed to a position on the organization and finance committee of the national organization.

ROTHENBERG also refused to give the name of the president of the national organization. He refused to say whether the "Daily Worker" (an East Coast Communist publication) correctly referred to him when it mentioned, in the September 18, 1953 issue, "DON ROTHENBERG, of the national committee to Secure Justice, estimated Friday night about 550 persons stayed overnight" (at Washington, D. C.)

ROTHENBERG declined to answer whether or not he was in charge of the demonstration by the Rosenberg Committee in Washington, D. C. in June, 1953, or whether he had made arrangements for chartering 15 busses to bring people to Washington, D. C. He also refused to answer

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whether he handled any of the \$302,530.17 stated to have been collected by the National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs between 1951 and 1953.

He declined to say whether he was presently officially connected with the "National Committee for Justice to Morton Sobell" on grounds of the Fifth Amendment. He said he had no knowledge of any contributions by the CP to the "Rosenberg - Sobell Case."

ROTHENBERG's testimony was concluded after he declined to say whether or not he was a member of the CP.

The transcript also reflects that Mrs. MILDRED ROTHENBERG, accompanied by JOSEPH FORER, Attorney-at-law, appeared before the HCUA on August 2, 1955, at which time her testimony, in brief, is as follows:

She gave her name as Mrs. MILDRED ROTHENBERG, nee CRUM, from Cleveland, Ohio. She declined to answer whether she held an official position on the Committee for Justice to the Rosenbergs at Cleveland, on grounds of the First and Fifth Amendment.

At this point she was shown a photostatic copy of an advertisement appearing in the June 9, 1953 issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer (a reputable local newspaper) at the bottom of which ad appeared "Sponsored by the Cleveland Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs. P. O. Box 41, Cleveland 21, Ohio, M. S. ROTHENBERG, Executive Secretary."

Mrs. ROTHENBERG declined to say whether or not the above referred to her on grounds of the Fifth Amendment. She admitted that her middle initial was "S". She also declined to answer various other questions purported to her on the grounds of the Fifth Amendment.

The above will be incorporated in the next report prepared by this office in captioned matter.

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HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER

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The "Morning Freiheit" of June 19, 1955, on page 8, columns 1-2, contained an editorial entitled: "The Anniversary of The Death Of The Rosenbergs, Tonight, And The Fight For Morton Sobell", which editorial stated, in part:

"Today marks two years since the performance of that black act, the burning of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in the electric chair.

"The two executed people were direct victims of the witch-hunting hysteria which was spread in recent years by those who believe that in such an atmosphere it will be easier to carry out their war-mongering plans...

"Tried with them was the young engineer Morton Sobell. Like them, he did not want to serve the witch-hunters and he did not want to accept responsibility for something he did not do. So he received the stiff penalty of 30 years and was put into a living grave at Alcatraz Prison, in California. Tonight, as we honor the memory of the martyrs - Rosenberg - we should strengthen our determination to fight for a new trial for Sobell. This is a fight not only for him - it is a fight for America, to cleanse her name and to restore her tradition of justice!

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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Reurlet 10/10/55, setting out request of the Dept. dated 9/29/55 concerning the availability of T-261 in the report of SA JOHN A. HARRINGTON dated 4/28/53, at NY, captioned as above, and requesting identifying data concerning confidential informants T-257 through T-275, utilized in instant report.

Administrative page 326 contains identifying data concerning confidential informants T-257 through T-260; administrative page 327 contains identifying data concerning confidential informants T-261 through T-269; administrative page 328 contains identifying data concerning confidential informants T-270 through T-275. T-261 is reflected on page 327 as being BA 919-S* and Baltimore is being requested by separate communication to furnish further identifying data.

In view of above, amended page 344(b) is not being submitted, inasmuch as the information desired is already set forth in instant report on pages 326, 327, and 328.

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to the informant and/or information from these
meetings and situations in which an informant
was in close contact with members of these
organizations, disclosure of which would reveal
his identity.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-11726)

DATE:

SEP 27 1955

FROM: SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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Following is context of one page typewritten report
which was received by SA CLARK S. SMITH by mail on 8-8-55 from
who has furnished reliable information in the past:

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*Mrs. Clara Perkins stated the book is very interesting and is selling for less than one cent a page. \$6.00 The Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg.

*Mrs. Heffner stated she sold 6 of the books to people, who do not belong to the organization. Mr. Wexley stated that the books are selling like hot cakes in New York. They are being in the windows of prominent book shops. Wexley stated he is from Box county Penn. He stated that thousands of these books have been sold in Penn. Haven Perkins stated a picnic will be held in Forest Park Saturday July 23, 1955. The picnic will be held as close to the corner of Skinker and the super highway.

[REDACTED] People were leaving at 11:30 PM. Some of the people present.

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*John Wexley, stated his wife and he are on there way to California to see their daughter."

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Following is context of one-page typewritten report [REDACTED]
which was received by mail by SA SMITH from [REDACTED] on 8-10-55: b7D

*August 3, 1955

*July 30, 1955

*Saturday July 16, 1955, John Wexley made a talk
of his book Judgement of Julius & Ethel Rosenberg. This
was held at John & Pearl Starks home, 5603 Maple. [REDACTED]

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FORM NO. 1
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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE SEP 28 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/6-9;12-16; 18-20/55	REPORT MADE BY CARROLL M. GARNETT bbs
TITLE CHANGED NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka., National Rosenberg- Sobell Committee; National Committee to Secure JUSTICE for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case; Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell		CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C., has been inactive with exception of meeting, attended by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, held on 3/25/55, at residence of ETHEL WEICHBROD. Objective of local group is to provide MORTON SOBELL with legal assistance in effort to secure his transfer from Alcatraz and, ultimately, his release.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>No information developed regarding local headquarters, official organ, or CP connections by D. C. group. JOHN B. STONE and ETHEL WEICHBROD testified before a public session, HCUA, on 8/3/55 regarding subject organization; both STONE and WEICHBROD invoked the 5th Amendment when questioned regarding CP membership; and connections with subject organization; JOSEPH FORER and DAVID REIN, attorneys, represented witnesses before HCUA hearings.</p>			
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The title of this report is being marked "changed" to include the additional name, "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL."

Unless otherwise noted, all Informants mentioned herein have supplied reliable information in the past.

An asterisk following names of individuals mentioned throughout this report represents one-time Communist Party (CP) membership or CP sympathy on the part of the individual. Names identified by an asterisk will be further identified in a group at the end of this report.

The CP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

I. BACKGROUND

A. National Organization

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were sentenced to death, and MORTON SOBELL was sentenced to a term of 30 years.

Informant [redacted] on January 4, 1952
Informant [redacted] on January 2, 1952 810

Informants on the dates indicated advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case was formed on January 2, 1952. Informants stated that the claim of this committee was that the ROSENBERGs were convicted because they were Jews and because of their political beliefs. Informants stated that the aim of this committee was to secure a new trial or clemency for the ROSENBERGs.

It is noted that the ROSENBERGs were executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953.

Informant T-3 on October 10-13, 1953

Informant advised that a national conference of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case was held

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in Chicago, Illinois, on October 10 and 11, 1953, and the National ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee was formed on October 11, 1953.

Informant T-4 on December 17, 1953

Informant T-5 on December 21, 1953

Informants advised that subject organization during December, 1953, took the name of the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG Case.

Informant [redacted] on May 7, 1954 020

Informant reported that the purpose of this Committee was to raise money for MORTON SOBELL to obtain a retrial and to have him removed from Alcatraz to some other penitentiary.

Informant [redacted] on June 6, 1955 02

Informant reported that on June 6, 1955, TED JACOBS of the National Headquarters of subject organization stated that the exact name of this organization is "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL."

It is noted that the "Daily Worker," an East coast Communist daily publication, in its edition of October 20, 1954, Page 3, Column 1-3, contained an article, "ROSENBERG Committee Harassed by Gov't With Phoney Tax Lien," in which TED JACOBS was described as the public relations Director of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee.

B. Washington, D. C., Group

Informant [redacted] on March 7, 1952 020

Informant reported that a Washington, D. C., chapter of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case was at that time operating in the District of Columbia. Informant subsequently identified this group as the "Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case."

Informant [redacted] 02

Informant in September, 1953, reported that the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization known as the "ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C.," was becoming active in the District of Columbia for the purpose of vindicating the ROSENBERGs and acquiring the release of MORTON SOBELL.

Informant [REDACTED] 020

Informant advised on December 30, 1954, that the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization was known to him at that time as the "Committee for the Release of MORTON SOBELL."

II. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Informant T-9 on February 9, 1955

Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York, New York, January 5, 1955, directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which contained the following letter dated January 5, 1955, on the letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York," and contained the mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, for the Committee:"

"Dear Friend:

"Enclosed is the heartening news that President EISENHOWER has responded to HELEN SOBELL's letter requesting the removal of her husband from Alcatraz, and that the request is under consideration. The fact that EISENHOWER directed Prison Director BENNETT to reply to HELEN and to consider the matter in his Department is of the utmost significance.

"Also in today's mail came a clipping from the 'Toronto Globe,' one of Canada's leading papers, in which a prominent columnist said MORTON should be transferred and gave the SOBELL story under the heading, 'Another Dreyfus Case?'

"With everything that has been happening, we must push ahead harder than ever during the next weeks. We cannot emphasize too strongly the need for pitching in and making the tribute to Dr. UREY a major success which can focus national attention on the issue in this case. When you visit people on the scroll, there is now an even better opportunity to ask them to write to BENNETT urging transfer.

"Nor can the importance of raising the money towards our \$15,000 fund goal be stressed too strongly, since we must have the funds with which to carry on the kind of campaign needed to win justice for MORTON SOBELL, whose removal from Alcatraz can be won soon."

The "Daily Worker" in its edition of August 2, 1955, Page 3, Column 1-2, contained an article, "Next Un-Americans' Target: Defenders of ROSENBERGs," with dateline Washington, D. C., August 1, which states in part: "HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, convicted in 1951 with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG of conspiracy to commit espionage, and ROSE SOBELL, mother of MORTON SOBELL, will hold a press conference at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow at the Congressional Hotel here.

"SOBELL is now incarcerated in the nation's most repressive federal prison, Alcatraz. The National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL is urging a new trial and his transfer to an ordinary federal prison."

Informant [redacted] on June 28, 1955

Informant made available an open envelope postmarked Silver Spring, Maryland, June 24, 1955. The envelope contained a form letter dated June, 1955, carrying letterhead, "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York, Longacre 4-9585."

This letter contained the mimeographed signature of "HELEN SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)." The letter requests funds from the recipient in order to continue the investigation and legal steps for the release of MORTON SOBELL from prison.

The "Worker," Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker," in its edition of May 29, 1955, Pages 5 and 10, contained an article captioned, "Spotlight turning on ROSENBERG Informers." This article in part is as follows: "When the Justice Department brought the ROSENBERGs and MORTON SOBELL to trial," said TED JACOBS of the SOBELL Committee, "it hoped they would crack and become new false witnesses. But the ROSENBERGs and MORTON SOBELL courageously refused to lie even in the face of death and Alcatraz, and the courage of thousands of Americans in fighting for justice in this case threw a wrench into the plan to have more false spy trials.

"By establishing the truth about the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case, we can guarantee that this kind of thing cannot happen again.

"On Thursday, June 16, some three thousand New Yorkers will gather at Carnegie Hall to urge a new SOBELL trial. The event will mark the second anniversary of the execution of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

"We are confident that the time is now right to win a new trial for MORTON SOBELL and see that the truth is known through our land."

The "Daily Worker," in its edition of June 9, 1955, Page 3, Columns 2-3, contained the following article:

"PETITIONS SIGNED BY 5,000 ASK SOBELL TRANSFER FROM ALCATRAZ

"Petitions bearing more than 5,000 signatures were presented to JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, in Washington yesterday requesting that BENNETT transfer MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz.

"The petitions were filed with BENNETT by Prof. EPHRAIM CROSS, professor of romance languages at the College of the City of New York, and HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL.

"The petition, circulated by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, states:

"MORTON SOBELL, a young scientist, charged in 1950 with conspiracy to commit espionage and sentenced to 30 years, has been in Alcatraz since Thanksgiving Day of 1952.

"SOBELL, who maintains his complete innocence, was convicted on the word of only one witness, a confessed perjurer, and no documentary evidence was presented against him.

"After a recent study of the trial record, the Columbia Law Review agreed with Appeals Court Judge JEROME N. FRANK that Mr. SOBELL should have a new trial. (Had one more Judge so ruled, there would have been a new trial).

"Alcatraz is a cruel place which strikes terror in the hearts of all. It is the only federal prison where a father may not see his children. It would be tragic indeed should a new trial establish MORTON SOBELL's innocence only to find him destroyed in Alcatraz.

"Placing Mr. SOBELL in Alcatraz is a third degree method which sets a dangerous precedent in these days of irresponsible accusations."

"A gathering at Carnegie Hall in behalf of SOBELL will be held June 16. There will be other meetings in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Tucson, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Vancouver, British Columbia, Toronto, Canada, and in many cities in Europe."

Informant [redacted] on June 8, 1955 #2

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III. HEADQUARTERS

Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 8, 1955
Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 8, 1955
Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 16, 1955
Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 14, 1955
Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 16, 1955
Informant	[REDACTED]	on September 20, 1955

Informants on the dates indicated reported they knew of no information regarding the headquarters of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C.

It is to be noted that Informants [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both advised on April 9, 1955, that on March 25, 1955, a local meeting of the subject organization was held at the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

IV. OFFICERS

Informant [REDACTED] 01

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On January 12, 1955, Informant also made available an empty envelope postmarked New York, New York, December 30, 1954, directed to "SYLVIA BERNSTEIN* 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.," and containing return address, "TED JACOBS, Room 2, 1050 6th Avenue at 40th Street, New York 18, New York.

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V. MEMBERS

Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955 870

Informant reported that it was his opinion that SOL TABOR* and NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN* were current members of the Washington, D. C., group of subject organization. Informant stated he based his opinion on the manner these two individuals have discussed this organization.

Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 14, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 20, 1955 870

Informants on the dates indicated reported they could provide no information regarding membership in the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C.

VI. OFFICIAL ORGAN

Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 14, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 20, 1955 870

Informants on the dates indicated reported they knew of no information regarding any publications published by the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee of Washington, D. C.

VII. FUNDS

Informant T-9 on February 9, 1955

Informant made available an open envelope postmarked New York, New York, January 5, 1955, directed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN,* 4230 Chesapeake Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., which contained a letter dated January 5, 1955, on the letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York," and contained the mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, for the Committee." This letter in part is as follows: "Nor can the importance of raising the money towards our \$5,000 fund goal be stressed too strenuously, since we must have the funds with which to carry on the kind of campaign needed to win justice for MORTON SOBELL, whose removal from Alcatraz can be won soon."

Informant [redacted] on April 9, 1955 b7D

Informant reported that on March 25, 1955, a meeting of the ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee was held at the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD† 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, which featured an address by Mrs. HELEN SOBELL‡ wife of MORTON SOBELL. Informant stated that Mrs. SOBELL at this meeting made an appeal for funds which sounded like a threat, inasmuch as she stated that MORTON SOBELL lived on hope and all those present must realize that even now he could confess and make headlines. [redacted] b7D

Informant stated that ETHEL WEICHBROD made a short speech at this meeting, stating she was accepting pledges for the ROSENBERG Memorial Fund and that the quota was \$400.00. [redacted] b7D

Informant [redacted] on July 19, 1955 b7D

Informant reported that in July, 1955, ETHEL WEICHBROD * was collecting contributions to the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

Informant [redacted] on July 19, 1955 b7D

Informant also reported that in July, 1955, ETHEL WEICHBROD* was collecting contributions to the Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL.

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VIII. ACTIVITIES

A. Meeting

Informant [REDACTED] on April 9, 1955. b7D

Informant reported that on March 25, 1955, the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee sponsored an affair held at the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland. Informant stated HELEN SOBELL* was the featured speaker of this affair in which she stated that her sons were affected by having their father, MORTON SOBELL, in prison. Informant stated that approximately 30 persons were in attendance at this affair and that plans were made to carry a full page of advertisements in two District of Columbia newspapers on the anniversary of the death of JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Informant [REDACTED] on April 9, 1955. b7D

Informant reported that on March 25, 1955 a meeting of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee was held at the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD*, which featured an address by Mrs. HELEN SOBELL*, wife of MORTON SOBELL. Informant stated that Mrs. SOBELL* at this meeting discussed her husband's prison life and the difficulties he has encountered, mentioning that the Department of Justice is continually placing pressure on SOBELL in an effort to have him confess; she stated that SOBELL is being discriminated against as a political prisoner but that eventually, "we" would win and that with this victory would come the fall of BROWNELL, J. EDGAR HOOVER and all the forces which created these injustices.

Informant stated that at the close of her speech Mrs. SOBELL made an appeal for funds which sounded like a threat inasmuch as she stated that MORTON SOBELL lived on hope and all those present must realize that even today he could confess and make headlines. [REDACTED]

b7D



Informant stated that ETHEL WEICHBROD* made a short speech at the above described affair in which she stated she was accepting pledges for the Rosenberg Memorial Fund and the quota was \$400. [REDACTED]

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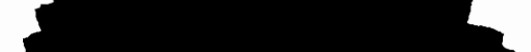

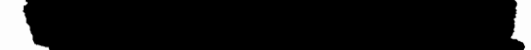

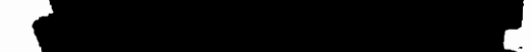

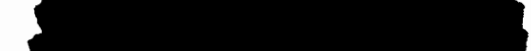

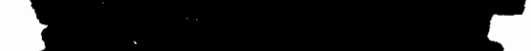

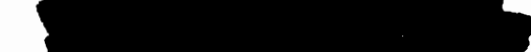

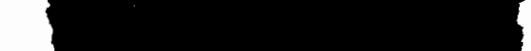

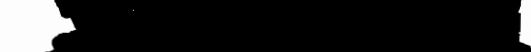

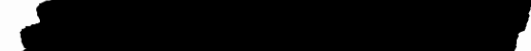

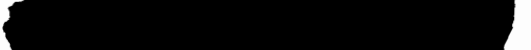

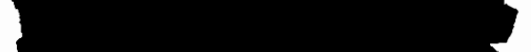

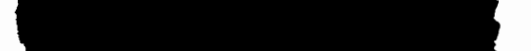

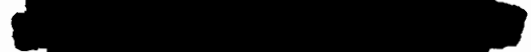

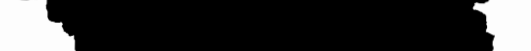

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The chart below represents the attendance at the March 25, 1955 meeting of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee held at the home of JULIUS and ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

The horizontal markings in the columns opposite an individual's name indicates this person was in attendance at this meeting as reported by the source at the top of this column.

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Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on March 25, 1955 determined that the following individuals visited the home of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, during the hours 9:15 P.M. to 9:35 P.M.:

- AL BERNSTEIN*
- SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*
- BERT FELTER*
- NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN*
- GRANT PUDLEINER
- POLLY PUDLEINER

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On March 25, 1955 Special Agents of the FBI observed automobiles bearing the following license numbers, either transport individuals to and/or from the WEICHBROD residence during the hours 6 P.M. to 10:20 P.M. Identification of owners of these motor vehicles was obtained from the appropriate motor vehicle registration guide of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

1955 - 1956 Maryland

<u>License number</u>	<u>Identity of Owner</u>
DB 7805	HARRY NIEDERMAYER, 8312 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.
DE 9574	JOSEPH WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Md.
EB 9461	WILLIAM SHONICK*, 1012 Quebec Terrace, Silver Spring, Md.
EJ 8244	SAMUEL DAVID BECK*, 9511 Caroline Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.
FB 1719	HENRY and SALLY RICHTER, 164 Fleetwood Terrace, Silver Spring, Md.
HC 2328	THELMA SHEPARD*, 1450 Kanawa Street, Hyattsville, Md.

1954 - District of Columbia

<u>License number</u>	<u>Identity of Owner</u>
AE 3686	MARTHA N. MALKIN*, 117 Tuckerman, N.E., Washington, D.C.
7-1867	ABE BLOOM*, 1202 Mississippi Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C.
8-7780	MEYER KRAUS*, 700 First Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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License Number

Identity of Owner

AE 7310

JULIUS WEISSER*, 1202
Mississippi Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D.C.

1954 - Virginia

License Number

Identity of Owner

256-307

EDITH S. LEVITOR and
DAVID Z. LEVITOR, 2135
Lee Highway, Arlington,
Virginia

B. Doctor HARLOD C. UREY's Scroll

Informant [REDACTED] on February 10, 1955. 870

Informant reported that on February 12, 1955 Dr. HAROLD C. UREY was to be given a testimonial dinner at Chicago, Illinois by the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case and that it was planned that Dr. UREY at this dinner would be presented with a scroll containing signatures of individuals in tribute to Dr. UREY.

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C. Miscellaneous

Informant [REDACTED] on June 13, 1955. 02

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On May 4, 1955 [REDACTED] Office of the File Clerk of the House of Representatives, Old House Office Building, Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., advised SA CARROLL M. GARNETT that the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C., has never filed a report with that office showing that this organization has participated in political activities during a specified period, in compliance with Section 305 (A) of the Federal Corrupt Practices Act of 1925 and that, moreover, this organization has never registered with that office as a lobby.

IX. CONNECTIONS WITH NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Informant [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

It is noted that the Daily Worker in its edition of October 20, 1954, page 3, columns 1 -3 contained an article "Rosenberg Committee Harassed by Gov't With Phony Tax Lien", in which TED JACOBS was described as the Public Relations Director of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee.

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Informant [REDACTED] on April 9, 1955 *B7D*

Informant reported that in connection with the meeting of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee held on March 25, 1955 at the home of JULIUS and ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, HELEN SOBELL* was the featured speaker.

Informant [REDACTED] on April 9, 1955 *B7D*

Informant corroborated the information supplied by [REDACTED] of a meeting of the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee held on March 25, 1955 at the home of the WEICHBRODS. Informant also reported that Mrs. HELEN SOBELL*, wife of MORTON SOBELL was a featured speaker at this meeting. *B7D*

Informant T-9 on January 12, 1955

Informant made available an opened envelope postmarked New York, New York, October 20, 1954 addressed to "Mrs. SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 4230 Chesapeake Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.", and containing the return address "Room 2, 1050 6th Avenue at 40th Street, NY 18, NY." This envelope contained the receipt, #20062, dated October 18, 1954, for the amount of \$50. This receipt reveals that the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case" received \$50 in cash from the "Wash. Comm."

On January 12, 1955 informant also made available an opened envelope postmarked NY, NY November 29, 1954 addressed to "SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 4230 Chesapeake Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., containing the return address "Room 2, 1050 6th Avenue at 40th Street, New York 18, New York." This opened envelope contained a receipt, #20134, dated November 29, 1954 for the amount of \$123. This receipt reveals that the "Sobell Comm." received a cash contribution for the amount of \$123 from the "Wash. D.C."

The informant on February 9, 1955 made available an opened envelope postmarked New York, New York, January 5, 1955, directed to "SYLVIA BERNSTEIN*, 4230 Chesapeake Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.," which contained a letter dated January 5, 1955 under letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL. 1050 6th Avenue, NY 18, NY." The letter contained a mimeographed signature of "TED JACOBS, FOR THE COMMITTEE". This letter has been previously set forth in this report.

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Informant [redacted] on June 28, 1955 b7D

Informant made available an opened envelope postmarked Silver Spring, Maryland, June 24, 1955. The envelope contained a form letter dated June, 1955 carrying letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, 1050 6th Avenue, NY 18, NY, Longacre 4-9585". This letter contained a mimeographed signature of "HELEN SOBELL (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)*". This letter requested funds from the recipient in order to continue the investigation and legal steps to release MORTON SOBELL from prison.

X. SUBVERSIVE REMIFICATION

A. Connections with Communist Party

Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 8, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 14, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 16, 1955
Informant [redacted] on September 20, 1955 b7D

Informants on the dates indicated reported that they knew of no current information regarding Communist infiltration of or Communist Party connections with the Rosenberg - Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.

B. Testimony Received by House Committee on Un-American Activities

It is noted that the Subcommittee of the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, conducted public hearings regarding "The Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and Similar Organizations" at Washington, D.C., on August 2-5, 1955.

1. Testimony of JOHN B. STONE*.

On August 3, 1955 JOHN B. STONE* testified before the Public Session, House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings held at Washington, D.C., in connection with the subject organization; Honorable FRANCIS E. WALTER, Chairman,

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HCUA, presided, assisted by FRANK S. TAVENNER, counsel to the committee. The sworn testimony of JOHN B. STONE* before the aforementioned committee located on pages 205 to 217 of the public record of these proceedings is as follows:

"TESTIMONY OF JOHN B. STONE (Accompanied by his counsel, JOSEPH FORER, 711 Fourteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.)

Mr. TAVENNER. What is your name?

Mr. STONE. JOHN B. STONE.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is noted that you are accompanied by counsel.

Will counsel please identify himself for the record.

Mr. FORER. JOSEPH FORER, 711 Fourteenth Street, Northwest, Washington.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where and when were you born?

Mr. STONE. Missoula, Montana, September 19, 1898.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where do you now reside?

Mr. STONE. 2901 Eighteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.

Mr. TAVENNER. In what profession or occupation are you engaged?

Mr. STONE. I am a newspaper man.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, what your formal educational training has been?

Mr. STONE. I was educated in the grammar schools and high school of Missoula, Montana, and the University of Montana. I graduated in 1923 with an ABS degree in journalism.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was the year?

Mr. STONE. 1923.

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Mr. TAVENNER. How long have you been engaged in newspaper work in the City of Washington?

Mr. STONE. Since about 1943. I am not precisely sure of the dates.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to that time what was your occupation or employment?

Mr. STONE. It is a long story. Do you want all of the jobs I worked on?

Mr. TAVENNER. No, immediately prior to 1943.

Mr. STONE. I came to Washington in 1940 to work for the Treasury Department in promoting the sale of defense bonds.

Mr. TAVENNER. That is what your employment was after coming to Washington?

Mr. STONE. That is right.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was your employment before coming to Washington?

Mr. STONE. Immediately before that I was account executive of the Illinois Central account of the Caples Company. That was a public relations job for promoting passenger traffic on the Illinois Central.

Mr. TAVENNER. Where was your post of duty?

Mr. STONE. The main office was in Chicago.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long were you employed in Chicago in that capacity?

Mr. STONE. About a year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you been engaged in newspaper work in Washington since 1943?

Mr. STONE. Yes.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did I understand that correctly?

Mr. STONE. Yes.

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Mr. TAVENNER. What type of employment? By whom are you employed?

Mr. STONE. I am self-employed at this time.

Mr. TAVENNER. At that time?

Mr. STONE. At this time.

Mr. TAVENNER. How were you employed in 1943?

Mr. STONE. Part of that time, as to the dates I am not specific to be sure, the dates going back to that time, I worked for the Office of War Information.

I believe a short time in 1943, and then later in 1943 and for about four years following that I was a correspondent on the staff of News Week Magazine.

I worked for the Office of Price Administration possibly in part of 1943, and all of 1942 and possibly part of 1941.

I moved from the Treasury to the Procurement Division of the Treasury where I was a short time a liaison officer with the procurement agents to keep them informed of all of the economic orders on what they should and should not buy.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long were you employed by the United States Government?

Mr. STONE. From about May 1940 to sometime in 1943. I am not sure of the time.

Mr. TAVENNER. Now, the last newspaper employment you have told us about was your employment by Newsweek, as I understand it?

Mr. STONE. That is correct.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was your next employment?

Mr. STONE. There were several periods in which I did some public relations work. I am not quite sure about the sequence. I was public relations chief for the World Congress of Statisticians which met here at the Shreham and the Wardman-Park.

The Bureau of the Budget commended me highly for that.

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Then sometime in the following periods I was a correspondent for the Bridgeport Herald, Washington correspondent for the Bridgeport Herald and for the National Guardian for a short time.

Mr. TAVENNER. During what period were you a correspondent for the National Guardian?

Mr. STONE. That must have been around 1948, a short period around that time. I can't recall exactly.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then what was your next employment?

Mr. STONE. The Federated Press.

Mr. TAVENNER. When were you first employed by the Federated Press?

Mr. STONE. I believe in 1948.

Mr. TAVENNER. That continued for how long a period?

Mr. STONE. The first week in February, this year.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you familiar, Mr. STONE, with the testimony of Mrs. MARY STALCUP MARKWARD before this committee on June 11, 1951, relating to you?

Mr. STONE. I have not seen that testimony and I wasn't here.

Mr. TAVENNER. The testimony is as follows:
Question by Mr. OWENS:

'Next we come to the Rob Hall Club' --
Meaning club of the Communist Party --

'also known as the Newspaper Club.'

'Mrs. MARKWARD, we have been led to believe that this club changed its name many times. Do you have any knowledge regarding this?

'Mrs. MARKWARD: Yes, I have. There were various names by which it was known, Lincoln Steffins and John Reed were the most characteristic of the other names by which it was known during that period.

'Mr. OWENS: Has the membership of this club been fairly consistent, however?

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'Mrs. MARKWARD: Yes, at one time when we were tightening up the security it more or less separated into two groups. In other clubs they operated under one leadership, but in this club they divided into two, one Robert Hall, and the other Lincoln Steffins. That was a club separation.

'The city organizer never recognized that separation, as such.

'Mr. OWENS: Can you identify for the committee the individuals whom you knew to be members of the Communist Party of the District of Columbia assigned to this club?'

I should state here that MARY STALCUP MARKWARD was requested to become a member of the Communist Party by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that she worked within the Communist Party in the District of Columbia for approximately seven years and became treasurer of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia.

Mrs. MARKWARD's answer to the question as to who were members assigned to this club:

'ROBERT HALL was a member. He is Washington editor of the Daily Worker.

'Mr. OWENS: Was he chairman of this club?

'Mrs. MARKWARD: I don't believe he held the title. He was their representative to the city organization, however.

'Mr. OWENS: Will you continue with the members as you understood it, of this newspaper club?

'Mrs. MARKWARD: TRAVIS HEDRICK was a member of this club until he obtained some employment where he could not continue his activity.

ALDEN TODD was a member. I believe he worked for the Federated Press.

'MILLIE WHITE HEDRICK, the wife of TRAVIS HEDRICK, was a member. I believe she worked for the UEI.

'ANDREW OLDER, now deceased, and ISABEL OLDER, his wife.

'JOHN B. STONE.'

Then she continued to mention others.

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'Mr. OWENS: You have mentioned JOHN B. STONE as being a member of the newspaper club. Do you have any knowledge of his activity with the National Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill?

'Mrs. MARKWARD: No, I know ROBERT HALL suggested him for membership due to his activity with the Progressive Party.'

Now, Mr. STONE, were you a member of the newspaper club of the Communist Party in the City of Washington at any time after 1943?

Mr. STONE: I refuse to answer that question based on my privilege under the Fifth Amendment not to be a witness against myself.

Mr. TAVENNER. You have been active, have you not, Mr. STONE, in a number of organizations sponsored by the Communist Party, one of which I will mention, which is the World Peace Appeal; is that true?

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer that question under my rights under the Fifth Amendment.

Mr. TAVENNER. When the committee investigated the Stockholm World Peace Appeal to Outlaw Atomic Weapons, it obtained an undated list of the signers of the Stockholm World Appeal on October 23, 1950. Your name appears on that list as Federated Press Correspondent.

Did you sign the Stockholm World Peace Appeal?

(The witness confers with counsel)

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer that for the same reason I gave before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you have a working arrangement with the Daily Peoples' World for the printing of articles written by you?

(The witness confers with counsel)

Mr. STONE. No, I wrote a lot of things for the Federated Press. I am not sure where they were all printed. I wouldn't be able to tell you.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have before me a number of issues carrying articles by JOHN B. STONE, Federated Press.

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Does that indicate that there were articles merely carried by the Communist Party papers rather than being contributions directly by you to the Communist Party?

Mr. STONE. That indicates that I wrote that article for the Federated Press just as a United Press correspondent writes an article for the United Press. It might be printed in any paper that subscribes to the Federated Press or the United Press.

Mr. TAVENNER. At a later date there was another organization with which you were purportedly connected, as to which I desire to ask you some questions.

I have before me a photostatic copy of a letter on the stationery or the letterhead of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case over the name of JOHN B. STONE. Will you examine it, please, and state whether or not the signature at the bottom of the letter is your signature?

(The witness examines the letter)

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the same reason I gave before, based on my privilege under the Fifth Amendment, not to be a witness against myself.

Mr. TAVENNER. I desire to offer the document in evidence and ask that it be marked STONE Exhibit No. 1.

Chairman WALTER. Let it be so marked.

(STONE Exhibit No. 1 is as follows;)

Mr. TAVENNER. The letter in question is addressed 'Dear Reverend'. Did you disseminate copies of that letter or similar letters to the local clergy in the City of Washington?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the same reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you in 1953 chairman of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case?

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer that question for the same reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Below the name JOHN B. STONE there

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is certain information typed on the exhibit which I just introduced. Will you read it, please, into the record?

Mr. STONE. The document says:

'Chairman, Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case.'

Chairman WALTER. Is that your signature, Mr. STONE?

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer that for the same reason I have given, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who were the officers of the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the same reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Who was the executive secretary?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the same reason.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you participate in the raising of funds for use by the Washington Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case?

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer that question for the reason I have stated before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you chairman or did you conduct a meeting sponsored by the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case on May 4, 1952, at the Odd-Fellows Hall, 9th and T, Northwest, Washington, D.C.?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the reason I have given before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you an official of any successor committee to that of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, such as a committee to secure justice or clemency in the Sobell case?

Mr. STONE I decline to answer that for the same reason I have cited before.

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Mr. TAVENNER. Who are the officers of the present organization, if you know?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer that question for the reason I have given before.

Mr. TAVENNER. Is there any statement in the testimony of Mrs. MARKWARD which I read to you in so far as it related to you, untrue?

Mr. STONE. I decline to answer for the same reason I have cited.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you now a member of the Communist Party?

Mr. STONE. I refuse to answer under the Fifth Amendment.

Mr. TAVENNER. During the period that you were representative of the Federated Press, were you aware that the Federated Press had been cited as a front organization by this committee as early as 1944?

Mr. STONE. I have seen such a report, sir, and I place no more credence in it than I do the reports of the committee now.

Mr. TAVENNER. Do you place any credence in the committee's report as to the Communist Party being a subversive organization?

Mr. STONE. I have never seen that report.

Chairman WALTER. I think we can arrange for you to get a copy.

Mr. STONE. Very good, sir.

Mr. MOULDER. What is your opinion of the Communist Party? Do you believe that it is a subversive organization?

(The witness confers with counsel)

Mr. STONE. I would have to have the term 'subversive' defined before I could answer such a question as that. That is a very 'if' question.

If subversive means to be in favor of equal rights for citizens of all races and creeds and colors --

Chairman WALTER. Never mind that stuff. You do not mean it and you know you do not mean it. That is just as bad as the attempts that have been made to inject something else into this thing.

Go ahead, Mr. TAVENNER.

Mr. STONE. I have never made any attempt to interject anything.

Chairman WALTER. Never mind.

Mr. STONE. I was asked a simple question; I gave a simple answer.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have no more questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman WALTER. Did you work for that press, the Federated Press?

Mr. STONE. I have answered that; I did work for them.

Chairman WALTER. Did you know when you worked for it that it had been cited as a subversive organization?

Mr. STONE. By the House Committee on Un-American Activities. I had seen such a report; yes, sir.

(At this point Mr. WILLIS entered the committee room)

Chairman WALTER. The witness is excused."

2. Testimony of ETHEL WEICHBROD*.

On August 3, 1955 Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD* also testified before the Public Session of HCUA hearings in regard to subject organization. The Honorable FRANCIS E. WALTER, HCUA Chairman, presided and was assisted by FRANK S. TAVENNER, counsel to the committee.

Her sworn testimony located on pages 218 to 225 of the of the public record is as follows:

"TESTIMONY OF MRS. ETHEL WEICHBROD (accompanied by counsel, JOSEPH FORER, 711 Fourteenth Street, Northwest, Washington, D.C.)

Chairman WALTER. I notice a number of witnesses bringing that Wexley book. I would like to recommend to them the Rosenberg case by Dr. FINEBERG.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Are you recommending that to me, sir?

Chairman WALTER. Yes.

Mr. FORER. How about trading?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. That might be a good idea.

Mr. TRAVENNER. What is your name, please?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. ETHEL WEICHBROD.

Mr. TAVENNER. Miss, or Mrs.?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Mrs., mother of four children, left home for two days.

Mr. TAVENNER. It is noted that you are accompanied by the same counsel who appeared for the previous witness. Where do you reside, Mrs. WEICHBROD?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mr. TAVENNER. How long have you lived in the area of Washington?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Since April 1942.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to that time where did you live?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. In Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. TAVENNER. Were you born in Brooklyn?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Yes, I was.

Mr. TAVENNER. What profession or occupation have you followed since being in Washington, besides being a housewife?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I have always been an office worker and secretary.

Mr. TAVENNER. What type of office work and employed by whom?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Since I am in Washington?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. In the middle of April 1942, I worked for the Soviet Purchasing Commission until, I believe, April of 1945. The commission that was buying material for the war and for the government that was our great ally during that war.

Mr. TAVENNER. Then what was your next employment?

Mr. MOULDER. May I interrogate at that point?

Chairman WALTER. Yes.

Mr. MOULDER. How did you happen to come in contact with this Soviet Purchasing agency?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. When I came back to Washington, sir -- by the way, I don't know whom I am addressing.

Mr. MOULDER. My name is MOULDER.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. Thank you.

Mr. MOULDER, when I came down to Washington in April 1942, I spent several days relaxing and setting up my apartment and went out job hunting. It was simply one of the few places I happened to look for a job. They were in so desperate need of help at that time that they hired me almost immediately.

I believe I started working the day after I was interviewed.

Mr. MOULDER. Did you move here to Washington for the purpose of working here?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. No, I moved here because my husband's employment had been moved to Washington.

Mr. MOULDER. All right.

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Mr. TAVENNER. Was that known as Amtorg?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I believe the Soviet Purchasing Commission was an outgrowth of the Amtorg Commission.

Mr. TAVENNER. You were employed by that organization from 1942 to 1945?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. That is right.

Mr. TAVENNER. What was your next employment?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. My next employment was as mother. My first born was born on June 1, 1945.

Mr. TAVENNER. Have you been employed outside of your home since that time?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. No, I haven't.

Mr. TAVENNER. Prior to your coming to the City of Washington, what was your employment in Brooklyn?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I believe my first job started in 1936. It was in a lace house in New York City. That continued until 1940. That particular establishment moved to New Jersey. It was one of the so-called runaway shops, running away from trade union organization.

I then got a job in a garment shop in early 1941, I believe it was, and then worked there until I moved to Washington.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, briefly, what your formal educational training has been?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I went to elementary school and high school in Brooklyn, New York. I attended two years in Brooklyn College, evening session.

Mr. MOULDER. What was your maiden name?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. My full maiden name was ETHEL MEDOI.

Mr. TAVENNER. Mrs. WEICHBROD, were you a member of the Communist Party in 1952?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I am afraid I will have to refuse to answer that question, Mr. TAVENNER, on the basis of --

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Mr. WILLIS. Do not be afraid of anything you say.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I beg your pardon.

Chairman WALTER. You said 'I'm afraid I will have to decline to answer'.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I will be glad to explain why I am afraid.

Chairman WALTER. And answer the question.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer the question, Mr. Chairman, on the basis of my privilege under the Fifth Amendment, not to be a witness against myself.

If you care, I will elaborate on my opening statement.

Chairman WALTER. Go ahead, Mr. TAVENNER.

Mr. TAVENNER. According to an investigation that the committee has made, it appears that there was a meeting held on May 4, 1952, in the first floor auditorium of the Odd Fellows Hall, 9th and T Street, Northwest, and at that meeting Mr. JOHN B. STONE addressed the group and introduced as local chairman ETHEL WEICHBROD of Silver Spring, Maryland.

Were you local chairman of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case in Washington?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer that question, sir, on the basis of my right under the Fifth Amendment not to be a witness against myself.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you at one time become the secretary of that organization?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I will have to refuse to answer that question on the same basis.

Mr. TAVENNER. Will you tell the committee, please, whether at this meeting on May 4, to which I have referred, that you made a talk during the course of which you read from a handbill that you had taken from the bulletin board at the Jewish Center and that the poster warned against giving the Rosenberg committee support and asked that the Center be contacted for information it had on this group before any commitments of support were made?

Do you recall having read such a bulletin that you obtained?

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Mrs. WEICHBROD. I don't quite understand your question, Mr. TAVENNER. Do I recall the bulletin that you are speaking of?

Mr. TAVENNER. Yes.

Mrs. WEICHBROD. If you had the bulletin, I might be able to answer your question intelligently. On this basis I am afraid I can't.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you on occasion at the meeting that I referred to, read a bulletin which you had procured, which advised that before any commitments were made to the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, the Jewish Center should be contacted for information that it had regarding that organization?

(The witness confers with counsel)

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer that question on the same basis.

Chairman WALTER. I think at this point, Mr. TAVENNER, I would like to read what the National Community Relations Advisory Council prepared for all of the Jewish Community relation agencies issue:

'Any group of American citizens has a right to express his views as to the severity of the sentence in any criminal case. Attempts are being made, however, by a communist inspired group called the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, to inject false issue of antisemitism in the Rosenberg case. We condemn these efforts to mislead the people of this country by unsupported charges that the religious ancestry of the defendants was a factor in the case. We denounce this fraudulent effort to confuse and manipulate public opinion for ulterior political purposes.'

Go ahead, Mr. TAVENNER.

Mr. TAVENNER. Did you participate in drives for money for the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer that question on the same basis, Mr. TAVENNER.

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Mr. TAVENNER. Are you a member of the Communist Party at this time?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer that question, too, Mr. TAVENNER, on the same basis.

Mr. TAVENNER. Are you at this time an officer of any succeeding organization to that of the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg case, such as a committee to secure justice or clemency for MORTON SOBELL?

Mrs. WEICHBROD. I refuse to answer that question on the same basis, Mr. TAVENNER.

Mr. TAVENNER. I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman WALTER. Are there any questions?

Mr. WILLIS. No questions.

Mr. MOULDER. No questions.

Chairman WALTER. The witness is excused.

3. Participation by JOSEPH FORER* in hearings.

A review of the public hearings conducted by HCUA in connection with subject organization held in Washington, D.C., August 2-5, 1955, reveals that JOSEPH FORER*, attorney, 711 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., acted as counsel for the following witnesses testifying before HCUA on the date indicated. It is to be noted that with the exception of witnesses HERMAN TAMSKY and LOUIS HARAP, each of the following witnesses invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to questions regarding their Communist Party membership and connections with subject organization. It is noted that HERMAN TAMSKY invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to a question regarding his connections with subject organization and LOUIS HARAP invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to a question regarding his Communist Party membership.

HERMAN TAMSKY, 56 Receiver Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on August 2, 1955.

PHILIP KORITZ, Boston, Massachusetts, on August 2, 1955.

DON ROTHENBERG, Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1955.

Mrs. MILDRED ROTHENBERG, Cleveland, Ohio, on August 2, 1955.

JOHN B. STONE*, 2901 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., on August 3, 1955.

Mrs. ETHEL WEICHBROD*, 8321 Tahoma Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, on August 3, 1955.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE GRANAT, 1163 East 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on August 3, 1955.

RUTH BELMONT, Chicago, Illinois, on August 3, 1955.

Miss EVE NEIDELMAN, Detroit, Michigan, on August 4, 1955.

LOUIS HARAP, New York, New York, on August 5, 1955.

4. Participation by DAVID REIN* in hearings.

A review of the testimony taken by HCUA in regard to public hearings conducted on subject organization, Washington, D.C., on August 2-5, 1955 revealed that DAVID REIN*, 711 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., acted as counsel for the following witnesses testifying before that committee on the date indicated.

Mrs. SYLVIA FREEDLAND, 230 South 16th Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, on August 3, 1955.

Mrs. ADELAIDE RISKEN, 329 North 22nd Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania, on August 3, 1955.

Mrs. JEAN D. FRANTJIS, 249 South Melva Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 3, 1955.

It is to be noted that Mrs. SYLVIA FREEDLAND and Mrs. JEAN D. FRANTJIS, both invoked the Fifth Amendment at these hearings in response to questions regarding their Communist Party Membership and connections with subject organization. It is noted that Mrs. ADELAIDE RISKEN invoked the Fifth Amendment in response to questions regarding her connections with subject organization.

XI. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

Organization Line

Informant [redacted] on June 28, 1955. b7D

Informant made available a letter dated June, 1955, carrying letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL", containing mimeographed signature "HELEN SOBELL*"

Communist Party Line

"OVER A YEAR AND A HALF ago, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG were laid to rest--but the conscience of America was not buried with them. Americans with all sorts of political opinions have continued to speak up against this execution which horrified the world and served to dishonor our country's name...."

"(Mrs. MORTON SOBELL)" which in part states "Now is the time when your help means most. Five years ago my husband, MORTON SOBELL, was imprisoned with ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. Two years ago the ROSENBERGs died. The truth which did not save their lives is being revealed now in the case of my husband.

"The investigations which have already disclosed that six major prosecution witnesses have committed perjury must go forward. These investigations and the legal steps which our attorneys are planning, need funds."

The above referred to letter made available by T-11 contained a reproduction of sketches of MORTON SOBELL and ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, issued by "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL." Below the sketches were the following notations:

"Neither death nor Alcatraz will keep the truth hidden. I will never be forced to bear false witness. MORTON SOBELL"

"History will record the truth and give the public a chance to right the great wrong done us. ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG."

XII. IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

The following is an identification of those individuals mentioned heretofore who were identified by an asterisk representing one time Communist Party membership or exhibiting Communist Party sympathies.

LEITA BECK

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past [REDACTED] advised on August 9, 1950 that LEITA BECK was a CP member in 1949. b7d

"It has taken the form of seeking justice for MORTON SOBELL, who was sentenced to entombment for 30 years at Alcatraz as part of the same frame-up which killed the ROSENBERGs, was convicted with the same sort of trumped-up testimony that is now being blown to bits with the confessions of former FBI informer HARVEY MATUSOW that he had borne false witness against guiltless victims." Daily Worker, February 14, 1955, p. 5.

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SAM BECK

[REDACTED] on August 9, 1950 identified SAM BECK as a CP member in 1949. b7D

ALFRED BERNSTEIN, also known as AL BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified AL BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP. b7D

SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, also known as Mrs. ALFRED BERNSTEIN

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current member of the CP. b7D

ABE BLOOM

[REDACTED] on February 23, 1955 stated that while ABE BLOOM is not known to informant as a current CP member, BLOOM does support CP policies. b7D

GERTRUDE EVANS

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified GERTRUDE EVANS as a current member of the CP. b7D

BURTON FELTER, also known as BERT FELTER

[REDACTED] advised during March, 1953 that BERT FELTER was a current member of the CP. b7D

Mrs. EDDIE FELTER, also known as MARCIA FELTER

[REDACTED] on August 9, 1950 stated that MARCIA FELTER was a CP member in 1949. b7D

VICTOR FLEISHER, also known as VIC FLEISHER

[REDACTED] on February 25, 1953 identified VIC FLEISHER as a current member of the CP. b7D

JOSEPH FORER

[REDACTED] stated on March 28, 1950 that JOE FORER, an attorney was then representing ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN in her efforts to obtain a renewal of her passport. In April, 1950 informant advised that FORER had assisted in the preparation of certain legal papers in connection with the EUGENE DENNIS contempt case. b7D

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It is noted that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was a former chairman of the National Women's Commission, Communist Party, U.S. of America, who was tried in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York, 1953, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940. EUGENE DENNIS, General Secretary of the CP was convicted in 1949 and 1950 for violating the Smith Act of 1940.

MARCUS I. GOLDMAN

[REDACTED] in early 1953 stated he strongly suspected MARCUS GOLDMAN of being a CP member but could not definitely so state. Informant advised that his opinion is based on the fact that GOLDMAN speaks as a CP member and is known as one of the heaviest financial contributors to the Communist cause in the Washington, D.C. area. b7D

CASEY GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified CASEY GUREWITZ as a current CP member. b7D

HELEN GUREWITZ, also known as Mrs. CASEY GUREWITZ

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified HELEN GUREWITZ as a current member of the CP. b7D

MEYER KRAUS

[REDACTED] advised on September 14, 1945 that MEYER KRAUS presided as chairman of a meeting of the West Farms Group of the CP in NYC on September 13, 1945. b7D

NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN

Informant [REDACTED]-19 who is in a position to supply reliable information, on September 15, 1942 reported that NORMAN LICHTENSTEIN was at that time a member of the Ruthenberg Branch, Cleveland, Ohio, Section of Young Communist League.

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MARTHA MALKIN

[REDACTED] on March 20, 1953 identified MARTHA MALKIN as a current CP member. b7D

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JESSIE MICHELSON

[REDACTED] in October, 1950 advised that JESSIE MICHELSON was secretary of the Petworth Group of the CP, District of Columbia, as late as September, 1949. b7D

SAMUEL MICHELSON, also known as MIKE

[REDACTED] on June 18, 1948 identified SAMUEL MICHELSON as a current member of the CP. b7D

THELMA PEARLMAN, also known as THELMA PEARLMAN SHEPARD

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified THELMA PEARLMAN as a current member of the CP. b7D

DAVID REIN

Informant T-3 on June 26, 1951 advised that DAVID REIN was a concealed Communist during 1944.

SELMA REIN, also known as Mrs. DAVID REIN

[REDACTED] identified SELMA REIN as a CP member in 1945. b7D

HELEN SHONICK

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified HELEN SHONICK as a current member of the CP. b7D

WILLIAM SHONICK, also known as BILL

[REDACTED] on February 26, 1953 identified BILL SHONICK as a current CP member. b7D

HELEN LEVITOV GUERWITZ SOBELL, also known as Mrs. MORTON SOBELL

[REDACTED] during the period February 25, 1954 through March 11, 1954, described HELEN LEVITOV as a member of the CP in Washington, D.C., at one time. b7D

[REDACTED] on February 2, 1944 identified HELEN GUERWITZ as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP, Washington, D.C., as of February 1, 1944. b7D

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DALE STEELE

[REDACTED] in September, 1953 identified DALE STEELE as a member of the CP at that time. b7D

JOHN B. STONE

[REDACTED] on March 1, 1949 advised that JOHN B. STONE was a current member of the CP. b7D

SOL TABOR

[REDACTED] in April, 1948 advised that SOL TABOR has been considered in the past to be a CP member. b7D

LENITA TEITELBAUM, also known as LENNIE

[REDACTED] advised on August 11, 1950 that LENITA TEITELBAUM was a member of the CP in 1949. b7D

ETHEL WEICHBROD, also known as Mrs. JOSEPH WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] on March 20, 1953 identified ETHEL WEICHBROD as a current CP member. b7D

JOSEPH WEICHBROD

[REDACTED] on January 11, 1955 reported that it was impossible for him to identify JOSEPH WEICHBROD as a CP member although he has never known WEICHBROD to be in disagreement with the CP Line in his conversations or actions. b7D

ETHEL WEISSER, also known as Mrs. JULIUS WEISSER

[REDACTED] on April 28, 1953 identified ETHEL WEISSER as a current CP member. b7D

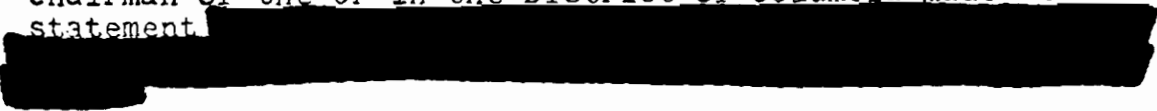
JULIUS WEISSER

On May 19, 1954 [REDACTED] stated that he was of the opinion that JULIUS WEISSER was a member of one of the newly formed Southeast Section CP groups of Washington, D.C. b7D

DANIEL WEITZMAN, also known as DANNIE WEITZMAN

[REDACTED] reported that DANIEL WEITZMAN in her opinion was as close to the CP in beliefs as a person could be without actually becoming a member of b7D

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the CP. She stated that in 1948 BILL TAYLOR, one time
chairman of the CP in the District of Columbia made the
statement. 

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Surveillance conducted by WFO on 3/25/55 in connection with a meeting held at the residence of JOSEPH and ETHEL WEICHBROD, 8321 Tahona Drive, Silver Spring, Maryland, was participated in by SAs EDWARD F. DALY and WILLIAM G. SHAW.

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T-3, CG 5923-S*	National Conference, Chicago, formation of National Rosenberg - Sobell Committee	10/10-13/53		
T-4, CS NY 426-S	Dec. 1953, NCSJ	12/17/53	EVERETT K. DEANE, SE VINCENT H. MC PEAK	NY 100-10711-1365-B
T-5, CS NY 48-S	Dec. 1953, NCSJ	12/21/53	MALCOLM J. BARRETT, SE ROBERT W. THOMSON	NY 100-107111-1365-C
T-6, [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	RICHARD H. BLASSER	100-25474-958 B7D
T-7, [REDACTED] (Deemed advisable)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CARL N. DE TEMPLE	100-25474-382 B7D

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T-9, trash cover, residence, 4230 Chesapeake St., N.W. Wash, D.C. (Deemed advisable)	Made available letter from SYIVIA BERNSTEIN, TED JACOBS	1/12/55	PAUL E. MORRISON	100-25474-1B2(27)
	Made available letter	2/9/55	JAMES D. HUPPERT	100-25474-1B2(28)
T-10 (Requested)	[REDACTED]		RAYMOND L. O'KELLY	100-25474-1018 B7D
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T-13,	[REDACTED]		W. G. SHAW	Instant rept. B7D
T-14,	[REDACTED]		HARRY G. ERVIN	[REDACTED] B7D
T-15,	[REDACTED]		HARRY G. ERVIN	[REDACTED] B7D
T-16,	[REDACTED]	B7D		
T-17,	WF 516-S* [REDACTED]	B7C		
T-18,	[REDACTED]	B7D		
T-19,	Anonymous			
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T-24. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	WILLIAM C. CARROLL	Instant rept. 070
T-25. [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	R.B.LAVIN	Instant rept. 070

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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BALTIMORE DIVISION (INFO)

An informational copy of this report is being applied the Baltimore Division inasmuch as individuals who reside in the area covered by this Division have participated in activities of the District of Columbia group of subject organization.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

AT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of Washington, D.C.

REFERENCE: Report of SA CARROLL M. GARNETT dated February 10, 1955, at Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

NOTE: HANDPRINT NAMES LEGIBLY: HANDWRITING SATISFACTORY FOR REMAINDER

SUBJECT'S NAME AND ALIASES N. Y. COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE TO MORTON SOBEL		ADDRESS OF SUBJECT		CHARACTER OF CASE	
COMPLAINANT JOSEPH BISSELL		ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF COMPLAINANT c/o DECCA RECORDS Columbus 5-2300 Ext. 279		DATE AND TIME COMPLAINT RECEIVED 9/29 9:45 AM	
SUBJECT'S DESCRIPTION	RACE	SEX <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
	HAIR	EYES	BIRTH DATE	BIRTHPLACE	
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FACTS OF COMPLAINT
 BISSELL advised that he is employed by Decca Records and that he had occasion to be at the Pythian Temple at 135 W. 70th St., which also rents space and rooms to organizations which BISSELL believes to be Commie dominated. Last Saturday, 9/24, BISSELL stated that he came into possession of a handbill of the NY COMMITTEE FOR JUSTICE TO MORTON SOBEL advertising an affair at Carnegie Hall on the evening of 9/29/55 at 8:00 PM and at which WILLIAM LANGER, WALDO FRANK, JOHN F. FINNERTY, WARREN K. BILLINGS would be in attendance. The handbill contained info re the SOBEL affair. BISSELL stated he would mail the handbill to this office.

ACTION RECOMMENDED
 SA RICHARD MINIHAN, Sect. 6 telephonically advised of the above and stated that he was aware of the affair.

Route to Sect. 6 to be placed in the "ROSENBERG" case file.

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HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER

MORNING FREIHEIT
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The following editorial appeared in the "Morning Freiheit" of June 15, 1955, on page 4, columns 1-2:

Justice For Morton Sobell, - And Not Only For Him!

Under the slogan "Justice For Morton Sobell", tomorrow evening there will be a big people's meeting and presentation at Carnegie Hall, and everyone who feels a moral responsibility to help this victim of injustice, should see to it that he attends and helps make the meeting a success, as it deserves to be.

As you know, Morton Sobell was convicted together with the two martyrs Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were falsely charged with obtaining the "secrets" of the American atom bomb in order to give them to Russia. In spite of the protests by the top atomic scientists throughout the world, the Rosenbergs were electracuted over two years ago.

There wasn't even falsified "proof" against Morton Sobell. All they wanted of him was that he assist in convicting the Rosenbergs. But since he refused to do this, he was sentenced to 30 years at hard labor and as revenge for his "obstinacy" he was incarcerated and has been held for the past five years in the most frightful of all American prisons - in Alcatraz, where they keep only the most brutal and hopeless criminals. The injustice committed against him cries to the skies and must bring forth the protest of every honest person.

And we must remember that we are not dealing with an accidental injustice committed against one person. The entire trial and the sentence against the Rosenbergs, who were executed, and against Morton Sobell, who they let "live", was a screaming conspiracy not only against them, but against the entire American people, against their feelings of justice, against the desire to live in peace with all peoples. The Rosenberg-Sobell trial over the supposedly "stealing" of "atomic secrets" was part of the cold war which was aimed at prssenting the Soviet Union and all the friends of peace and of the Soviet Union, as the worst enemies of the United States.

Therefore, defending and demanding justice and the liberation of Morton Sobell, means not only seeking to rehabilitate the names of the innocently-executed Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and of the Alcatraz victim Sobell, - it means much more - defending the principle of justice of the American people and their right to fight for peace.

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MEMO
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Come to Carnegie Hall tomorrow and bring your friends!

Translator: HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)
FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR
SUBJECT : NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, AKA
I. S. - C.

DATE:

Following is context of five page typewritten report received by mail by writer on September 21, 1955, from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past:

"Typed 9-20-55 [redacted] b7D

Rosenberg-Sobell Meeting
for David Alman

TIME: [redacted]
&
PLACE: [redacted]

DATE: Monday September 19, 1955

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"He told the group that things are very favorably for a new trial for Morton Sobell. He gave two reasons why this is an opportune time - 1) the members of the Rosenberg Committee had testified

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"very willingly before the Un-American Activity Committee—These hearings were to be resumed on October 3 but have been cancelled and the Attorney General has refused to list the Committee as subversive. This shows that the millions of people who protested the death penalty for the Rosenbergs have shown these Congressional Committees that they cannot get away with old methods. 2) The Geneva Conference has cleared the air regarding secrecy surrounding the A-Bomb. Somehow, according to Mr. Alman this A-Bomb meeting has shown there was no secrecy therefor the Rosenbergs could not have given away any secrets. And also people are becoming more educated and there is a doubt in many minds about the guilt of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell. Due to these facts the National Committee for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell has decided to have a very intensive campaign on a National level. This will consist in getting simple letters to Congressmen; forcing the newspapers to make statements; interesting ministers, lawyers, teachers etc. in the case. He told how the New York Post was forced by the Committee to print a book review on Wexley's Book THE JUDGEMENT OF ETHEL AND JULIUS ROSENBERG. At great expenses every member of this paper was given the book so they had to read it and print something. He warned the group about ignoring persons, organizations or papers that are unfriendly. He advised going after such individuals.

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"MELBOURNE HOTEL MEETING: Present were: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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There were about 30 persons. Clara Mae Perkins and Laura Miller sat with Mr. Alman at the speakers' table. Haven Perkins introduced the speaker with a long winded speech about all that he and the Committee have done in St. Louis. He told the same old stories about ministers and lawyers hating the informers and about the minister saying that Elizabeth Bentley called him a Communist. In introducing David Alman he said that Dave was the man who really started the activity for a new trial for Morton Sobell.

"David Alman sketched briefly the Rosenberg trial and the accusations made and how Morton Sobell was framed. He said that members of the Committee have seen almost every Congressman and Senator existing. He said that the big thing today is to get the Hennings Committee to take up the case. He said that the situation looks favorable for this Committee to act. All were told to write to Senator Hennings. Mr. Alman devoted much of this speech to maligning the Justice Department. He stated that the Justice Department lied to both the President of the United States, the Supreme

"Court Justices and the Congress about the Rosenbergs. The Justices at least five of them were told by some member of the Justice Dept. that if the conviction of the Rosenbergs was upheld the death penalty would not be carried out for a long time. Many Senators and Congressmen were told that the Rosenbergs had confessed to espionage. President Truman and Pres. Eisenhower were both misled by the Justice Department somehow-The Pope's "clemency" letter was kept hidden for a long time. Men like Dr. Urey were not allowed to testify at the trial — In fact the whole thing was one big frame-up.

"And ever so often some agent from the Justice Department visits Morton Sobell to get him to confess—promises are made in return. Morton Sobell always answers that when he lives he will walk out and not crawl. The Justice Department is doing this to cast away and doubt in the public mind because due to the present attitude of the general public the Justice Department would not dare to attempt another espionage trial without any more proof than was presented in the Rosenberg-Sobell Trial.

"According to Mr. Alman the Justice Department is filled with incompetent persons who lie and misrepresent cases to the courts. Wexley's books has disapproved every trial and shown all evidence to be phony.

"If this last stand of national propaganda for a new trial for Morton Sobell fails then there is to be a direct appeal to President Eisenhower for a pardon.

"Laura Miller took up the collection—that is she talked and Tom Schmidt passed around the hat. Laura announced at \$150. had been collected before the meeting. The take at the meeting was \$42. Clara Mae tried to see Wexley's book. Mr. Schachter bought one. Haven announced that St. Louis has sold 45 copies. Mr. Alman said that the Government went over the books—all but the daily receipts that had been destroyed. The Government sent a bill for \$142,000. and the matter stands there because there is no money. The Committee claims that it is an educational group and if the Government contests this the group will go to court.

"Mr. Charlie Cox announced that on Sunday October 16 at 8 P.M. in BELO Hall-1229 N. Leonard Avenue the Freedom of the Press Committee of St. Louis will have Joseph Clark as a speaker—Said gentleman the the Foreign correspondent for the Daily Worker. The subject of the speech will be "THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND THE GENEVA MEETING".

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"The Rosenberg-Sobell Committee of St. Louis will meet on Monday Sept. 26 at 3715 Lasalle.

"Mr. Alman told of the meeting in Carnegie Hall on the 26(?) or 29th of this month of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee. The speaker will be Senator Langer of N.D. Also present will be an author by the name of Waldo Frank and Tom Mooney's friend named Warren something. Someone asked Mr. Alman what Senator Langer's stand is in the case-Mr. Alman said that privately Senator Langer has always held that the Rosenbergs were framed. However, he doubts that the Senator will make such a statement in an open meeting. Mr. Alman also pointed out that Senator Langer is a member of the Hennings Committee. Mr. Alman was not certain of the stand taken by the other speakers. However, he said that this was not important as the object is to get people talking about the case and discussing it so that the national propaganda drive will be successful and win freedom for Morton Sobell.

"Description of Mr. David Alman-He is a short stocky individual with dark coloring and almost black hair that recedes quite a bit at the temples. I would guess his age in the middle thirties. He has a soft modulated voice, very distinct and pleasing and a good flow of English. He never raises his voice or becomes dynamic. However, he gives the impression of a well adjusted being who knows what he is talking about and in this way is very impressive. He wore a dark suit, white shirt and dark tie. His ears have a way of sticking out at the top."

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835) & SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.,
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WFO will cover meeting on October 18, 1955. WFO
unable to identify AARON SCHNEIDER on basis of above information.
However, one AARON SCHNEIDER of 1947 Lake Shore Ave., Los Angeles,
Calif., was identified by LA 3200-S in spring of 1947 as a CP
member of Los Angeles County SP in 1946.

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SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN
THE ROSENBERG CASE
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On 9-22-55 [redacted] furnished a two-
page typewritten report which is filed in [redacted] and which
reads as follows:

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"The Lindell Room
Melbourne Hotel
St. Louis, Mo.

"On Sept. 19, 1955, I attended a local meeting of the The
National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. In the
lobby of the Melbourne Hotel, the Directory merely listed, David
Allman, Lindell Room, and the placard in front of the Lindell
Room was designated, The Sobell Club.

"The meeting was opened by the chairman, Haven Perkins whose
introductory remarks concerned a recent trip he had taken through
Texas and Arizona to enlighten clergymen and businessmen of the
alleged injustices imposed upon Sobell. This trip, financed by
the St. Louis group, was termed a complete success in that all
persons he contacted ended up in agreement with him that Sobell
was either innocent or should be given a new trial. Everyone
present was asked to write a letter of appeal to the Hennings Sub-
committee to review the Rosenberg-Sobell trial and to request a
new trial for Sobell. A member of the audience suggested personal
calls to Senator Hennings' St. Louis office; whereupon, Perkins
decided it best that a committee be appointed to call at the
office.

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"He also covered the different pamphlets which had been
distributed in behalf of Sobell and of the great success of this
literature in convincing people. He mentioned the high sales
record of a book written by a Mr. Wexler (?) on the Rosenberg
case. He then introduced the speaker, David Allman.

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New York (RM) [redacted]

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"Allman's entire speech was a tirade aimed at the Attorney General's office and he accused that bureau of 'lawlessness' and being 'despotic' among other things. He began by giving a brief and facetious review of the Rosenberg case, intimating that the Greenglass testimony was fabricated by the Attorney General's office and that it was impossible for Greenglass to transmit secret data because of the limitations of his intelligence and the unimportance of his position. He accused witness Elitcher of being a willing tool of the government in sending Sobell to prison etc.

"The government was then taken to task for removing Sobell to Alcatraz. This was allegedly done to remove Sobell from his friends and attorneys. He charged that Government agents were constantly trying to get Sobell to confess so that they could start another series of espionage trials. He intimated that Sobell was being offered all kinds of deals to confess that at least the Rosenbergs were guilty because the Attorney General's office had made an error and was trying desperately to cover it up.

"He called for a return to justice and law in this country. He spoke of 'phony' evidence, secret evidence, and guilt by insinuation.' He cited examples of where the government had lied to the Supreme Court and to members of congress. He accused the government of 9 month propoganda campaign before the trial began so that it was impossible to secure an impartial jury; especially since the country was involved in the Korean conflict.

"He constantly included remarks made by important personages but which were obviously taken out of context. He implied that their group was partially responsible for the downgrade of Senator McCarthy. He made mention of Harry Gold and how he also was a liar and a perjurer. Roy Cohn was also attacked for allegedly instructing witnesses to give false testimony. The newspapers were also accused of printing intrus.

"His entire speech was full of denunciations of the Attorney general's office stating in affect; that the country's liberty was endangered by this 'lawless and capricious' group, that everyone should work toward the restoration of honor and truth in the nation's courts, and that Morton Sobell was a martyr for refusing to confess his guilt and thus preventing a so called chain of espionage trials, all of which are also comprised of phony evidence and lying witnesses such as Matusow, Bently, Gold, and Elitcher.

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"Calliman Perkins then called for a question and answer period. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A Laura Miller was then called upon. She made a prayer for peace and the hat was passed around. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A Clara Perkins then was called upon and she made a sales talk on the Wexler book. She sold one copy. \$0.00. The meeting was then adjourned. b7D

"The meeting began around 8:15 p.m. and was adjourned by 10 p.m. There were approximately 45 people in attendance. There were around 10 negroes present. [REDACTED]

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Director, FBI (100-38735)

October 6, 1955

SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka
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Rebulet to New York dated September 1, 1955, and
Washington Field letter to the Director dated September 21,
1955, requesting a thumbnail sketch of Miss EVE WEIDELMAN,
Detroit, Michigan, who testified at the hearings of captioned
organization on August 4, 1955, and who utilized the services
of JOSEPH FORER.

[REDACTED] stated on December 11,
1948, that on December 28, 1948, the Michigan State Board
of the Communist Party, Detroit, Michigan, decided that EVE
WEIDELMAN should be organizer for a new section which would
include the Dave White Section, the Jewish Section and part
of the Northwest Section, CP, USA, Detroit, Michigan.

[REDACTED] who in the past has furnished information
of a reliable nature, advised on October 2, 1952, that EVE
WEIDELMAN from 1948 to 1952 attended various CAC of Michigan
sponsored meetings in the Detroit area.

The transcripts of testimony taken by HCUA in
connection with captioned organization have been reviewed
and necessary action taken in accordance with Bureau letter
dated September 1, 1955.

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A review of captioned organization's file reflects
that the organization is presently inactive in the Detroit
Area.

[REDACTED] on October 6, 1955, advised that
captioned organization is presently inactive, and that
the last known meeting was held in Detroit during June
of 1954.

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SUBJECT ROSENBERG/SOBELL COMMITTEE

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE: OCT 7 1955

FROM : SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE IS - C

On 9-14-55 [redacted] advised that [redacted] attend a program of the subject organization featuring DAVID ALMAN. The program was to be held 9-19-55 at the Melbourne Hotel. [redacted] b7D

A four-page handwritten report dated 9-19-55 was received [redacted] by U.S. Mail, 9-22-55. It reads as follows: b7D

*Sept. 19, 1955

*Attended a meeting tonight at Melbourne Hotel (Lindell Room) given by St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

*Principal speaker - DAVID ALMAN
Chairman of meeting - Mr. H. PERKINS
Money solicitor speaker - Mrs. MILLER
Attendance approx 40 to 50 including approx 5 Negro men, 1 Negro woman.

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"Attending [REDACTED]

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"Funds collected
\$150.00 before meeting (announced)
42.98 during meeting
192.98 Total

"Mrs. PERKINS tried to sell copies of JOHN WEXLEY's book "Judgement of JULIUS and ETRHEL ROSENBERG." Successfully sold one copy to Mr. SHACKLES who paid by check.

"Meeting started about 8:15
" adjourned " 9:50.

"ALMAN's speech was the usual stuff: trial of ROSENBERG's, phony witnesses, ROY COHN and prosecution and etc.

"ALMAN & PERKINS pleaded that everyone write Senator TOM HENNINGOS - chairman of sub-committee on violation of Constitution - to investigate the trial of ROSENBERGS and SOBELL.

"ALMAN also spoke on his appearance before the Un-American activities committee in August and how he is supposed to go back Oct. 3. but since then the investigation has stopped.

"ALMAN also said that somebody refuses to put the "Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Sobell" on the subversive list of organization.

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"ALMAN told about the Rosenberg Committee's bout with the Revenue Dept. Revenue Dept. examine their books for six weeks, then sent them a bill for \$124,000.00 in back taxes. Rosenberg Committee told the Revenue Dept. they did not owe back taxes and since then, nothing has been said. ALMAN stated that the Rosenberg Committee welcomes an investigation, I guess so they get some free publicity.

"Some Negro man made announcement about some activity his organization is sponsoring on October 16th (I think that is the date). I couldn't quite understand him so I don't know what organization or the place. I know he said tickets cost 50¢.

"The committee is now trying to get book reviews in all newspapers on WEXLEY's book. They succeeded at a N.Y. paper by giving every employee of the paper a copy of WEXLEY's book.

"As usual SAUL DERMAN gave a 30 second speech and this time blasted the newspaper (the radicals) and Attorney General BROWNELL and family's trip to Spain.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. SHACKLES, was described [REDACTED] as 40-45 years old, 6 ft. tall, 220 lbs., white, with grey hair.

[REDACTED]

This report is being filed in [REDACTED]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-107111) (Sec 6) DATE: 10/10/55

FROM : SA Nicholas J. Purchini

SUBJECT: National Committee To Secure
Justice In The Rosenberg Case
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For the information of the agent handling
noted case, "Jewish Life" magazine for October, 1955,
ages 18-20, carried an article by Louis Harap, managing editor,
the magazine entitled: "The Rosenberg Committee Faces
The Inquisitors."

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past, made available to SA ROBERT E. BURKE on 10/10/55, a 1 - page mimeographed document captioned "Hennings Committee and Sobell Case" issued by the "Chicago Sobell Committee, 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois."

This document points out that on 10/3/55 the Senate Sub-Committee on Constitutional Rights will open hearings on the status of Constitutional Liberties in the U.S. It states that this sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee, headed by Senator THOMAS C. HENNING, JR., has stated that it will concern itself with citizens' complaints of violations of the Bill of Rights and that this sub-committee brings the hope that the high repute of Congressional investigations may be restored.

It states that in the decade of hysteria from which we seem to be emerging, one particular case commanded the attention of the entire country and the world. "That was the ROSENBERG - SOBELL Case." It states that opinion on the amnesty or guilt of the defendants was divided - and for good reason, inasmuch as 9 months prior to the trial the prosecution fed to the newspapers, radio and television a series of sensational accounts of alleged criminal acts of the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL, many of which were never even mentioned at the trial itself and therefore did not have to be proved.

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- ① - New York (100- [redacted] National Committee to Secure Justice for SOBELL in the ROSENBERG CASE) (AM)
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The document concludes with the following statements:

"The right to a fair trial is the most important single guarantee of citizen's security, from false accusation. Without it, one is at the mercy, not of law, but of arbitrary and unscrupulous forces.

"The Penning Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has publicly announced a desire to receive suggestions concerning its future work. May we urge that you write, requesting that room be left open on the subcommittee calendar for investigation of violations of basic rights in the case of ALGER HISS and EUGENE SOBELL. Discuss this matter with your colleagues, your friends, and in your organizations. Ask others to write also.

"Today the opportunity exists to objectively air and perhaps end the cold-war spy scares that have served as the backdrop for infringements upon our country's liberties. Please write a personal note to:

Senator Thomas C. Penning, Jr.
Chairman
Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional
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Senate Office Building
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: October 10, 1955

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
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Rerep SA John A. Harrington 4-28-53 at New York.

By memorandum 9-29-55 Department has requested that Bureau ascertain availability of T-261 and if available furnish his name and address to Department.

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Review of rerep fails to reflect any information concerning T-261 on Administrative page. New York should immediately furnish identity of T-261. In the event this individual is an active paid informant it will be necessary merely to so state. If, however, T-261 is not an active informant you should forward this individual's name; current address and telephone number; brief biographical sketch, including informant activities, if any; all derogatory data; and also a statement as to this individual's availability and willingness to testify.

In event T-261 resides in some other division New York should immediately set out an appropriate lead.

With regard to rerep it is noted that Administrative pages thereof contain no identifying data of Confidential Informants T-257 through T-275. Such information should be set forth in amended page 344(b) to rerep and six copies thereof forwarded to the Bureau.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: 10/11/55

FROM : SA RICHARD A. MINIHAN

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN
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Subject Committee is a Communist controlled organization. Hearings were conducted on subject organization 8/2-5/55, by HCUA at Washington, D.C. It is contemplated that hearings will also take place in the near future before the Subversive Activities Control Board.

It is recommended that this case be transferred to Section 7-2. There is no outstanding investigation to be conducted other than to determine current activities of subject organization.

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Supplemental Prosecutive Summary submitted 6/21/55.

Investigative Report submitted 9/1/55.

Witness Appendix for Summary Report of 4/28/53 submitted 8/18/55.

The next investigative report should incorporate the Carnegie Hall Meeting of 9/29/55 (Bulet 9/21/55) and pertinent portions of the testimony of LOUIS HARAP before HCUA (Bulet 9/1/55 and NY letter 10/11/55). (HCUA testimony located in 1B662 of case file).

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P. Skender

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

10/11/55

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
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Rebulet 9/1/55.

The NYO has completed the review of the photostats of transcripts of testimony taken by HCUA on 8/2-5/55, in connection with captioned organization.

It is to be noted that the only witness from New York City was LOUIS HARAP (Bufile 100-343334) who testified that he signed an authorized signature card on 11/8/51, and a certificate on 3/12/52, for subject committee's bank account and identified himself as president. He stated he never acted as president or considered himself president but simply added his name at the request of EMILY ALMAN to enable the committee to obtain a bank account.

HARAP was an uncooperative witness who repeatedly quoted the 1st and 5th Amendments to avoid answering questions.

Pertinent portions of the testimony of HARAP will be included in the next investigative report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12 1955	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/9,13-15,19,22,30;10/4/55	REPORT MADE BY CHARLES D. MARSHALL s jm
TITLE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE; LOS ANGELES COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Rosenberg Case, Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, Los Angeles Sobell Committee

As of 6/55 there were thirteen area committees of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee in the Los Angeles area. IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN attended National Sobell Committee Conference in Chicago in 2/55. Major meeting of Los Angeles Sobell Committee held in 6/55 as memorial to ROSENBERGS and tribute to MORTON SOBELL. In 7/55 "DAN" MARSHALL was National Co-chairman. As of 6/55 IRMA NEWMAN was Chairman of Los Angeles Sobell Committee. Objectives continue to be transfer of SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison and obtain new trial for SOBELL to secure his ultimate freedom.

[REDACTED] Support of Los Angeles Sobell Committee program indicated at various Communist Party meetings. 870

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DETAILS:

For purposes of brevity, the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee will be referred to as the LARSC, and the Los Angeles Sobell Committee will be referred to as the LASC.

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Unless otherwise indicated, informants herein designated by T symbols have furnished reliable information in the past.

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND ACTIVITIES

ORIGIN

[REDACTED] ⁸⁷⁰
The informant advised on ^{April} March 19, 1955 that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was sometimes referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, adopted the name Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell about August 1954. The avowed purpose of this Committee is to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Prison, to secure him a new trial, and to eventually secure his complete release.

Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were, from their inception, dominated and controlled by the Los Angeles County Communist Party (LACCP) through the assignment of CP members to work on the committees and to direct the activities of the committees. In March 1955 critical discussion by CP members was that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell should be reactivated and revitalized in a more aggressive way than it was in the past and that its activities should be expanded in terms of securing maximum mobilization of forces to secure SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz Prison and a new trial for him.

There is an active youth committee organized by forces from the Labor Youth League working on the SOBELL issue which is known as the Youth Committee for Morton Sobell or slight variations thereof and which is sponsored by the parent committee.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The Central Directory of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, Los Angeles, issued in June 1955, contains the listing "L.A. Sobell Committee" at 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

SCOPE

[REDACTED] who had furnished reliable information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 28, 1955 supplied information indicating that there were thirteen area committees of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee in the Los Angeles area; namely, Beverly Hills, Downtown, Emma Lazarus, Eastside, Long Beach, Ontario, Rosemead, Topanga, Tujunga, Union Friends, Valley, Westlake, and Youth. b7D

ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] advised on April 11, 1955 that IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was the Los Angeles Representative to the HAROLD C. UREY dinner and National Sobell Committee Conference held at the Hotel Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois, on February 12 and 13, 1955. [REDACTED] b7D

IRMA NEWMAN reportedly was a member of the American Youth for Democracy from 1943 to 1945 while attending New York University at New York City, according to [REDACTED] b7D

The American Youth for Democracy has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450. [REDACTED] b7D

On April 28, 1955 the informant furnished information reflecting that WILLIAM A. REUBEN, author of "The Atom Spy Hoax," was scheduled to speak at a meeting sponsored by the LASC at Park Manor, 607 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on March 26, 1955.

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"Daily People's World"
Los Angeles edition

The June 15, 1955 issue of the "Daily People's World" announced the Second Annual "Tribute to Truth" meeting commemorating the deaths of ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and the "fight" to free scientist MORTON SOBELL would be held on June 17, 1955 at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth Street and Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. The article stated that this meeting was under the auspices of the LASC.

The "Daily People's World" is a West Coast Communist newspaper.

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On June 16, 1955 the informant furnished a printed pamphlet issued by the LASC, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles 4, announcing a "Tribute to Truth" meeting to be held Friday, June 17, at the Embassy Auditorium.

The above pamphlet indicated that the program would include as participants Mrs. ROSE SOBELL (mother of MORTON SOBELL), GALE SONDERGAARD, and DALTON TRUMBO.

Exhibit 1

GALE SONDERGAARD had CP Card Number 46943 in 1944 and CP Card Number 47328 in 1945, according to T-6.

DALTON TRUMBO joined the CP in 1941 and was a member of the CP up to the time the informant dropped out in approximately 1948, according to

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The informant advised on June 30, 1955 that a "Tribute to Truth" meeting of the LASC was held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on June 17, 1955. Approximately 1,000 persons attended the meeting. DALTON TRUMBO opened the meeting with a few words to explain that the meeting was a memorial to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG and a tribute to truth for the freedom of MORTON SOBELL. A choral ensemble sang a tribute to the ROSENBERGS. A dramatic presentation was given to show the "injustice" in the SOBELL case. While GALE SONDERGAARD narrated, actors demonstrated how SOBELL was arrested in Mexico while preparing to return to the United States. Scenes from the trial of SOBELL were enacted to show that SOBELL was "found guilty" without valid evidence. In other trial scenes ETHEL ROSENBERG was asked if she had a Jello box and if she could type. According to the informant, the implication in this scene was that the ROSENBERGS and SOBELL were convicted because they possessed a Jello box and could typewrite.

Furthermore, according to the informant, a visit to SOBELL in Alcatraz Prison by FBI Agents was likewise dramatized and the implication was drawn that SOBELL could see his children if he "talked to the FBI."

The informant stated that WIDGE NEWMAN spoke of improvements "in affairs of justice" since the last memorial meeting in 1954 and expressed optimism regarding the SOBELL case.

Informant also advised that DANIEL MARSHALL spoke and recounted the changes in the situation with respect to SOBELL since the execution of the ROSENBERGS.

According to [REDACTED] it was announced at a meeting of the California Emergency Defense Committee (CEDC) on December 4, 1951 that DANIEL MARSHALL was one of the defense attorneys for the fifteen California Smith Act defendants. b7D

The CEDC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On July 12, 1955 the informant furnished a copy of the program of a "Tribute to Truth" meeting of the LASC held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on June 17, 1955. This program listed DALTON TRUMBO as "Chairman," GALE SONDERGAARD as "Narrator," ROBERT SHERWOOD as "Director," WALDEMAR HILLE as "Conductor of Choral Ensemble," and poetry by WALTER LOWENFELS.

Exhibit 2

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WALTER LOWENFELS was arrested by Special Agents of the Newark Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, on July 29, 1953 on a warrant issued at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, charging LOWENFELS with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act.

ROBERT SHERWOOD was recruited into the CP in New York in February, 1950, before leaving for California. An investigation was conducted on SHERWOOD by the CP in June or July, 1950. As a result SHERWOOD was dropped from the LACCP, according to [REDACTED]

II. OFFICERS

[REDACTED] advised on June 6, 1955 that the National Office of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell was "pressing" for a paid West Coast Organizer for the Western branches of this Committee.

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On June 28, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished information that "DAN" MARSHALL (Supra) was Co-chairman of the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee and WIDGE NEWMAN was Chairman of the LASC.

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On July 6, 1955 informant supplied information reflecting that DANIEL MARSHALL, Los Angeles Attorney, was National Co-chairman of the Rosenberg-Sobell Committee.

[REDACTED] advised on June 6, 1955 that as of June 1955 WIDGE NEWMAN was Chairman of the LASC and was receiving \$75.00 per week for her services.

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Informant on June 17, 1955 advised that WIDGE NEWMAN introduced herself as Chairman of the LASC at a "Tribute to Truth" meeting of the LASC held at the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, on June 17, 1955.

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

On March 16, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a mimeographed pamphlet entitled "The New Phase in the Sobell Case," issued by the National

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Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. This pamphlet comments on statements concerning the SOBELL case by Dr. (HAROLD C.) UREY at a conference in Chicago, Illinois, on February 13, 1955.

Other comments in the pamphlet included the following:

"With this impetus, and within the framework of an improving atmosphere, the various committees, groups or individuals who have interested themselves in the Sobell case have an extraordinary opportunity to move towards new, more far-reaching steps leading to Morton Sobell's freedom.

"The National Committee, therefore, is now preparing public and legal steps that will carry the case to a new stage. This program will be characterized, in the first place, by the placing of the facts in the case before larger numbers of the American people. . . . New ways must be devised to make public the contradiction in testimony, the perjuries, the tortures and cruelties involved in the case.

"This program will be characterized, secondly, by activities directed at all three branches of our Government. Our attorneys will press in the courts for transfer, for review, for a new trial. Our appeal for an investigation by an appropriate committee of Congress will be renewed, with the solicitation of public support for such a step. Within the Executive Department, we will press for transfer, for the withdrawal of objection to a court review, and finally, if necessary, an appeal for Presidential pardon or commutation.

"The third characteristic of this program will be its widespread scope. Every section of the population, regardless of its station in public, in private life, will be reached with the facts in this case. . . .

"The fourth characteristic will be a further seeking out of the diversity of levels upon which people can take action on the case. . . .

"Such a program requires a detailed plan of activities, most carefully thought out, exceedingly flexible, and realistic in purpose and fulfillment. It cannot be entirely blueprinted, but must be created step by step as new developments take place, as our program of education grows and takes hold, and as new situations arise. . . .

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"The following are the steps with which we propose to open this new period in the campaign for justice for Morton Sobell.

"First: The immediate development of a legal program that will place before the courts the errors of the trial, the perjuries, the new evidence continuously being uncovered. . . .

"Second: The immediate undertaking of a national unified campaign around the question of Sobell's transfer from Alcatraz. . . ."

Exhibit 3

On March 29, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a mimeographed letter addressed to "Dear Friends," dated March 15, 1955, issued by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, New York City. The letter contains the following comments: b7c

"As indicated in our conference report, we are now sending you a more specific outline of our intended activities and needs for the period between now and next October.

"1. Legal Steps--A number of briefs are now in preparation. These will cover the transfer question on several counts, and appeals for a new trial. . . .

"2. Publication and Printing--The National Committee is planning to issue educational material that will reach hundreds of thousands during the next months. . . .

"3. Field Trips--Our experience in the past years has impressed upon us the impossibility of creating a nationwide campaign without the closest possible contact with the committees and groups in over 30 cities across the country. . . .

"4. National Committee--The National Committee feels that the present moment is one of great potential in the case, for reasons given at some length in our conference report.

"To carry out a program adequate to this potential, the National Committee is undertaking a double-edged program: Economy where that is possible, expansion where that is indispensable. Our first thought in expansion is always in

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terms of our educational material and methods rather than in staff expansion, although if our activities are effective, we shall undoubtedly have to enlarge the staff in the fall.
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Exhibit 4

On May 19, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a mimeographed copy of "Report to the Greater New York Conference to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell" held on Saturday, April 23, 1955, at the Hotel Great Northern, New York City. b7D

This report contains the following comments:

"It is within this atmosphere that we have added to our legal staff a new firm of attorneys who, together with Stephen Love, are preparing for a series of legal moves before the courts. A brief will be presented to the court before the summer recess, for removal of Morton Sobell from Alcatraz.

"In the next few months, our attorneys are completing the preparation of briefs setting forth new evidence in the case, and calling for a new trial."

Exhibit 5

On May 19, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a "Memo to committees" dated April 26, 1955 and issued by the National Committee. This memorandum stated that the National Committee was launching a new national appeal for the removal of Morton Sobell from Alcatraz Prison. The memorandum requested that the recipient take up the appeal in his group and integrate its circulation into committee plans. The memorandum was attached to a petition form captioned "An Appeal" and was addressed to the Director of Prisons, Justice Department, Washington, D. C. The petition contained spaces for signatures and addresses and urged the transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison. b7D

Exhibit 6

On June 17, 1955 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received a pamphlet, "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell," being distributed to passers-by in front of the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles, California. This pamphlet contains the following comments:

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"We believe that justice can be done in this case only by Sobell's removal from Alcatraz, and by a new trial that will examine recent evidence of perjured testimony against the defendant. . . .

"Efforts to win a new Sobell trial are continuing. . . ."

The pamphlet was issued by the National Committee for Morton Sobell.

Exhibit 7

[REDACTED]

On August 3, 1955 [REDACTED] of unknown reliability, furnished a copy of a letter which he stated was being circulated by the LASC. 070

This letter, issued by the National Committee, addressed to "Dear Friend," and dated July 30, 1955, called attention to the hearings being held by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, August 2 - 4, 1955, in Washington, D. C., to which a number of persons had been subpoenaed to testify concerning various Rosenberg-Sobell Committees. Among the comments in the letter were the following:

"Many people expect that the House Committee will attempt to assign dubious motives to the persons or committees active in behalf of the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell. . . .

"Inevitably involved in any such investigation by the House Committee is the principle of freedom of speech and association. . . ."

The letter further calls attention to the book by JOHN WEXLEY, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," and urged that every person and committee plan immediately to promote with renewed vigor the distribution of WEXLEY's book, to promote the acceptance of the book in libraries, churches, temples, and other bookshelves. The letter also urged review of the book by local newspapers, radio and television book programs. The letter urged action in respect to MORTON SOBELL around the hearings and following the hearings. The letter also urged that an appeal for funds be made to offset the costs of lawyers to appear before the House Committee in representing subpoenaed persons and to defray the costs of a full-page advertisement in a Washington, D. C. newspaper.

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JOHN WEXLEY attended CP meetings and was known as a CP member, according to [REDACTED] who was a CP and Communist Political Association member B7D from 1943 to 1948.

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V. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

CONNECTIONS WITH THE CP

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These informants advised on [REDACTED] that at a meeting of a newly formed CP club [REDACTED] the Chairman announced a forthcoming "Sobell meeting" at the Embassy Auditorium and stated that it was a "must" for everyone.

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The informant advised [REDACTED] concerning a CP meeting [REDACTED] Informant stated that the meeting was short and consisted chiefly of getting tickets into the hands of those who wanted to attend a meeting at the Embassy Auditorium on June 17, 1955 for MORTON SOBELL. All present at this meeting were urged to attend the MORTON SOBELL meeting and to take a friend. b7D

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CP LINE

CP Line

"Daily Worker," February 14, 1955, Page 5, article "The Rosenberg Case Continues in the Form of Seeking Justice for Morton Sobell"

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

"Over a year and a half ago, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were laid to rest--but the conscience of America was not buried with them. Americans with all sorts of political opinions have continued to speak up against this execution which horrified the world and served to dishonor our country's name. . . ."

"It has taken the form of seeking justice for Morton Sobell, who was sentenced to entombment for thirty

Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell
Committee Line

Pamphlet, "The Facts in the Case of Morton Sobell," received by a Special Agent of the FBI on June 17, 1955 (Exhibit 7)

"We believe that justice can be done in this case only by Sobell's removal from Alcatraz, and by a new trial that will examine the recent evidence of perjured testimony against the defendant. . . ."

CP Line

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Committee Line

years at Alcatraz as part of the same frame-up which killed the Rosenbergs, was convicted with the same sort of trumped-up testimony that is now being blown to bits with the confession of former F.B.I. informer Harvey Matusow that he had borne false witness against guiltless victims."

VI. LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED

On March 8, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a one-page pamphlet in the form of a facsimile of a page from the "Long Island Star-Journal" dated Thursday, January 27, 1955, and a facsimile of a letter from the Warden at Alcatraz Prison to Mrs. HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL. The pamphlet was issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

The above-mentioned letter purports to grant permission for Mrs. HELEN SOBELL and her two children to visit her husband at Alcatraz.

The above-mentioned page from the newspaper under the caption "Alcatraz Bars Sobell's Wife, Son" indicates that on arrival at Alcatraz Mrs. SOBELL was refused a visit with her husband.

Exhibit 9

On April 18, 1955 [REDACTED] furnished a copy of a mimeographed pamphlet captioned "A New Project", issued by the "Sobell Committee, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City." The pamphlet refers to a journal entitled "Never Losing Faith" that was published after the execution of the ROSENBERGS and stated that a new thirty-two page journal was being prepared by the same journalist and editor as that of the journal "Never Losing Faith." The pamphlet continues that every committee and group of SOBELL supporters were being requested to sponsor a portion of the new journal. b7D

Exhibit 10

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On May 11, 1955 the informant furnished a printed sheet in the form of a facsimile of newspaper articles issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. The article attacked the testimony of HARVEY MATUSOW, commenting, "A lying witness coached by a lying prosecutor." The sheet urged letters to JAMES V. BENNETT, Director of Prisons, Washington, D. C., asking transfer of MORTON SOBELL from Alcatraz Prison to a regular Federal prison.

Exhibit 11

On May 19, 1955 [redacted] furnished a printed sheet issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the form of a facsimile of a page from "The Telegram, Toronto, Canada, April 18, 1955." 870

The article in "The Telegram," captioned "Justice For Unpopular People," comments on a visit to Toronto, Canada, by Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, comments further on the role of Professor HAROLD C. UREY of Chicago in the case, and argues in behalf of justice for SOBELL.

Exhibit 12

On June 28, 1955 [redacted] furnished a mimeographed pamphlet captioned "New Evidence Challenges Case Against Sobell and Rosenbergs," issued by the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. Some of the comments contained in this pamphlet are as follows: 870

"New evidence challenging the prosecution's case against Morton Sobell and Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was disclosed today by author John Wexley at a press conference held at the Hotel Roosevelt by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

"The new evidence, which the Committee said would be used together with other material in legal efforts to win a new trial for Sobell, is revealed in John Wexley's forthcoming book, 'The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg' which will be published on Thursday, June 16, by Cameron and Kahn."

Exhibit 13

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On June 17, 1955 a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained a pamphlet, "The Judgment of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg," by JOHN WEXLEY, distributed to passers-by in front of the Embassy Auditorium, Los Angeles.

This pamphlet issued by "Sobell Committee, Room 2, 1050 Sixth Avenue, New York City" is in the form of a facsimile of a cover of JOHN WEXLEY's book. The pamphlet describes the contents of WEXLEY's book and urged the recipient of the pamphlet to buy a copy "so that millions may learn the facts revealed in this book."

Exhibit 14

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU: Two bound folders containing Exhibits 1 - 14.
TO THE NEW YORK OFFICE: One bound folder containing Exhibits
1 - 14.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report have been designated for the Chicago, San Francisco, and Washington Field Offices inasmuch as matters of interest to those offices are contained in the report.

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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in this report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE

At Los Angeles, California:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

INFORMANTS

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T-5 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	THEODORE J. A'HEARN	100-41648A-372 b7D
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T-6 CS LA-2900-5	[REDACTED]	2/26/45 b7C	FRED O. DuPUIS	100-18874-1a-55a
T-7 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MARCUS M. BRIGHT (Oral)	100-6722 b7D
T-8 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	SE EVERETT M. DuCHARME	[REDACTED] b7D
T-9 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	PAUL W. GIBBS	[REDACTED] b7D
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T-13 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.	[REDACTED] B7D
T-14 CS LA-3582-S*	Officers 6/17/55	6/17/55	CHARLES D. MARSHALL, et al	100-41648-2301
T-15 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (conceal per request)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648-2311 B7D
T-16 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (conceal per request)	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	MARCUS M. BRIGHT	100-20279-108 B7D
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T-20 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		THEODORE HINDERAKER	[REDACTED]	B7D
T-21 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		JOHN K. ANDERSON	100-41648-2315	B7D
T-22 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		RICHARD J. NELSON	[REDACTED]	B7D

Documentation of Exhibits and information furnished [REDACTED] is as follows:

Scope	6/28/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648-1A-284	
Activities	4/11/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	[REDACTED]	B7D
Officers	6/6/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	[REDACTED]	B7D
Officers	6/28/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	[REDACTED]	B7D
Exhibit 3	3/16/55	MACLIN F. MORRISON	100-41648A-347	
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Exhibit 6		5/19/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648A-364
Finances		5/3/55; 6/28/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	 100-41648-1A-284
Exhibit 9		3/8/55	MACLIN F. MORRISON	100-41648A-342
Exhibit 10		4/18/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648A-358
Exhibit 12		5/19/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648A-360
Exhibit 13		6/28/55	ROBERT J. BARRY	100-41648A-375

Exhibits 7 and 14 were received by SA W. NATHAN PROVINSE at Embassy Auditorium on June 17, 1955. Originals located in 100-41648A-367/368.

REFERENCE

Report of SA CHARLES D. MARSHALL dated April 19, 1955 at Los Angeles.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387815)

DATE: 10/11/55

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
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INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: New York

ReBulet to New York dated 9/1/55 and re WFO letter to Director dated 8/19/55, with which appropriate offices were furnished photostats of transcripts of testimony taken by the HCUA on 8/2-5/55, in connection with the captioned organization.

Referenced Bureau letter stated that the HCUA testimony pertinent to this office should be reviewed. This testimony has been reviewed, and it has been determined that no leads were located therein. This information will again be reviewed at the time the next report is prepared on captioned organization.

This testimony pertains to two individuals who reside in New Jersey, one EMILY ALMAN and her husband DAVID ALMAN. It is noted that both these individuals are subjects of Bureau cases in which New York is office of origin. When asked pertinent questions concerning associations of theirs, they both refused to answer citing the first and fifth amendments of the United States Constitution.

Since the testimony shows that both of these witnesses refused to answer pertinent questions under their privilege against self-incrimination, it is believed that an interview at this time would be equally fruitless.

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HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, INTERPRETER

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The following editorial appeared in the
"Morning Freiheit" of 8/5/55, on page 4, columns 1-2:

Aftermath Of The Frame Up Against The Rosenbergs

Under the chairmanship of Congressman Walter, the witch-hunting "un-American" Committee is trying to "prove" that the movement to obtain a pardon for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was a "communist conspiracy".

In order to achieve this a number of professional informants and paid "yes-men", who always provide just the kind of material requested of them, were brought to the hearings. But one of them slipped and admitted that the movement in Allentown, Pennsylvania, for a pardon for the Rosenbergs was quite broad and included local religious leaders.

Of course, this is not news. The movement protesting the death sentence against innocent Julius and Ethel Rosenberg was world-wide in scope and included the widest and most varied public circles, including Albert Einstein and the Pope!

Why is it that the pro-fascist-anti-semitic Congressman Walter chose this very time to "investigate" a number of leaders in the movement to save the Rosenbergs?

For two reasons. Firstly, it follows the "line" of the witch-hunters to terrorize all those who think differently and to force them to remain quiet and not dare raise their voices against the black frame-ups and persecution on the part of the backers of the political terror - in Brownell's Department of Justice and in various Congressional Committees - against the fighters for peace and democracy.

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Secondly, Congressman Walter has come to the aid of his "co-idealist", Attorney General Brownell. In a petition to a Senate Committee, the Committee To Secure Justice For Morton Sobell requested an investigation of the "peculiar" actions by the Department of Justice in the Rosenberg Case. This petition was submitted on July 18th, and the following day, July 19th Congressman Walter sent subpoenas to a number of leaders in the movement to save the Rosenbergs!

One way or another, we are dealing here with a monstrous attempt to put a lock on the mouths of those who speak up against the persecution, frame-ups and political terror on the part of the witch-hunters.

Translated: HYMAN N. RABINOWITZ, Interpreter

Director, FBI (100-387835)

10/14/55

SAC, Philadelphia (100-37667)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.
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(OO - New York)

Re WFO letters 8/19/55 and 9/21/55; Bulet 9/1/55.

A review of the testimony taken by the HCUA on 8/2-5/55, in connection with captioned organization, has been made by Philadelphia and pertinent portions thereof disseminated to appropriate case files. Pertinent portions of this information will be incorporated into the next report submitted by this office.

Consideration has been given to the interview of SYLVIA FREDLAND, ADELMAIDE RIKIN, JUAN D. FRANTZIN, and THEODORE E. MORTON, who were subpoenaed to testify before that hearing. These individuals are currently Security Index Subjects of this office, and at the present time, it is felt that an interview with these individuals would be unproductive.

For the information of WFO and New York, the following thumbnail sketches are furnished for individuals testifying at the hearing who were represented by attorney DAVID REIN, 711 14th Street N.W., Washington, D. C.:

Mrs. SYLVIA FREDLAND

On page 151 of the testimony of HERMAN E. TIDWELL, THOMAS testified that although he had never seen a Communist Party card for SYLVIA FREDLAND, she attended several meetings of the Pothleches City Club, Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, which were closed Communist Party meetings.

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MRS. ADELAIDE RISKIN

On page 145 of the testimony of HERMAN E. THOMAS, he testified that ADELAIDE RISKIN was a member of the same CP club as THOMAS and attended closed meetings of that club.

JEAN D. FRANTJIS

On pages 189 and 190 of the testimony of HERMAN E. THOMAS, THOMAS testified that during the period 1946 to 1949, he had attended one or two large District Committee meetings of the Communist Party in Philadelphia which were closed meetings. THOMAS testified that FRANTJIS was in attendance on those occasions.

For your information, the following thumbnail sketch is being submitted for THEODORE E. NORTON who was represented by Attorney WILLIAM ALLEN RAHILL, 2730 Lewis Tower Building, Philadelphia, Pa.: on page 143 of the testimony of HERMAN E. THOMAS, THOMAS testified that during the period of 1945 to 1954, TED NORTON of Easton, Pa., served on the Executive Committee of the Lehigh Valley Section of the CP, EID.

Concerning WILLIAM ALLEN RAHILL, this office is in possession of no information indicating CP membership on the part of RAHILL, however, he has been outspoken against the Pennsylvania State Loyalty Bill and the HCUA hearings. On 10/11/54, USA W. WILSON WHITE advised that RAHILL would represent ALBERT EMANUEL BLUMBERG in BLUMBERG's attempt to have his bail reduced. USA WHITE further advised on 10/21/54, that he understood that RAHILL had been contacted with respect to the bond reduction hearing; however, BLUMBERG appeared without an attorney at the hearing, although it was noted that RAHILL was in contact with BLUMBERG in the courtroom prior to commencement of the proceedings.

ALBERT E. BLUMBERG was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Philadelphia, Pa., on 10/7/54, for violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE: 10-20-55

FROM : SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

SUBJECT: SL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR
MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE ✓
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The following four-page handwritten report was received from [redacted] on
September 22, 1955, by U.S. Mail. The original is being filed in [redacted]

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"Attended a meeting tonight at Melbourne Hotel (Lindell Room)
given by St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton
Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.

Principal speaker - David Alman
Chairman of meeting - Mrs. H. Perkins
Money solicitor speaker - Mrs. Miller
Attendance approx 40 to 50 including approx
5 negro men, 1 negro women

"Attending [redacted]

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Funds collected

\$150.00 before meeting (announced)
42.98 during meeting

TOTAL 192.98

"Mrs. Perkins tried to sell copies of John Wexley's book "Judgement of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg". Successfully sold one copy to Mrs. Shackles who paid by check.

Meeting started about 8:15
" adjourned " 9:50

"Alman's speech was the usual stuff: trial of Rosenbergs, phony witnesses, Roy Cohn and prosecution and etc.

"Alman & Perkins pleaded that everyone write Senator Tom Hennings - Chairman of subcommittee on violation of constitution - to investigate the trial of Rosenbergs and Sobell.

"Alman also spoke on his appearance before the Un-American activities committee in August and how he is supposed to go back Oct. 3 but since then the investigation was stopped.

"Alman also said that somebody refuses to put the "Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Sobell" on the subversive list of organizations.

"Alman told about the Rosenberg committee's bout with the Revenue dept, Revenue dept. examining their books for six weeks, then sent them a bill for \$124,000.00 in back taxes. Rosenberg Committee told the Revenue dept. they did not owe back taxes and since then, nothing has been said. Alman stated that the Rosenberg Committee welcomes an investigation, I guess so they get some free publicity.

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"Some negro man made an announcement about some activity his organization is sponsoring on October 16th (I think that is the date). I couldn't quite understand him so I don't know what organization or the place. I know he said tickets cost 50¢.

"The committee is now trying to get book reviews in all newspapers on Wexley's book. They succeeded at a N.Y. paper by giving every employee of the paper a copy of Wexley's book.

"As usual Saul Derman gave a 30 second speech and this time blasted the newspaper (the radicals) and Attorney General Bronnelli and family's trip to Spain

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